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### PLEASE POST

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS**

### Nominations for the following positions will be

held on Thursday, September 17, 2009

at 1000 & 2000 at the P.B.A. Office

President First Vice President Second Vice President Treasurer Corresponding Secretary Recording Secretary Sergeant At Arms

Direct any questions to Recording Secretary Joe Failla at 7680



### Plum Island Animal Disease Cent-

United States Department of Homeland Security

Science and Technology Directorate Office of National Laboratories

May 15, 2009

Commissioner of Police County of Nassau, New York 1490 Franklin Ave Mineola, NY 11510

Dear Commissioner Mulvey;

This past month, at your invitation, I had the pleasure of attending the three week Standard Marine Patrol Vessel Operators Course (S.M.P.V.O.C.) with two of my (DHS) Plum Island Security Officers. This marine vessel operator's course was prepared and presented by Nassau County Police Department Marine Bureau instructors, Suffolk County Police Department Marine Bureau instructors and East Hampton Police Department Marine Bureau instructors. I understand that this course, which is only offered twice a year to a limited number of attendees, is a much sought after marine training course of which I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to attend.

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, I would like to extend to you and the Nassau County Police Department my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to attend this invaluable marine instructional course. The practical and classroom instruction level was of superior quality, thanks to your dedicated and highly knowledgeable Marine Bureau staff, Lead Instructor Police Officer Joel Fuoco, Vessel Instructor Police Officer Michael Larmony and Water Instructor Police Officer Gregory Boyce.

It is with this knowledge and training provided by members of the Nassau County Police Departments Marine Bureau that affords the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Plum Island Animal Disease Center Security Force to patrol the Island's waters against any threats towards our homeland.

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To the members of the Nassau County PBA,

On behalf of the Specht family, I would like to personally thank the N.C.P.D. for the professionalism displayed during a police funeral escort on June 8, 2009, in honor of my father Joseph F. Specht. My family was in awe and amazement at how the officers performed their duties and executed the assignment at hand. In a 20-mile route from Schmidt's Funeral Home in Seaford to the Nassau County line on the L.I.E., Police officers Thomas O'Reilly, Joseph Hutter, Doreen Begis-Doherty, and the Highway Patrol cleared and unhindered path to our destination, Calverton Cemetery.

As a W.W. II veteran from the greatest generation serving in several campaigns in Europe, my father knew how difficult it is and was to serve humanity. I know it may seem like routine procedure to perform at a funeral procession, buy my family cannot express enough feelings on how important the officers made my father's funeral. My father would have been proud to see the honor and tribute with which these officers paid him.

I would also like to personally thank the Mounted Unit, of which I am a former member. Officers Kenneth Ortiz, Adam Constantino, and Michael Quagliano stood as an honor guard both at the funeral home and the funeral mass for two days. The numerous comments I received from family and friends about their professional image and representation could not have made me prouder. It was an honor to have these officers pay tribute and homage to my Dad's passing.

At my family's time of loss and suffering it was a great comfort to have the Nassau County Police Departments and P.B.A. support at our side. Please continue your thankless efforts each and everyday as you do your job.

May God Bless You All.

Sincerely,

John F. Specht, Retired, N.C.P.D. And The Specht Family

### **From the Editor**

by Brian Engelhardt

During last month's turnouts and throughout the year I am asked by members about certain provisions of our contract (awards) that they are most interested in. Of course most of them are about money and health care. So I will address most of those questions. As always if one or two members are asking then there's probably ten more who are thinking about it?

#### MONEY

All raises in our Jan 1, 2007 to Dec 31, 2012 agreement are in April of each year. The wage and longevity deferrals from April 1, 2007 to Sept 30, 2007 and April 1, 2008 to Aug 31, 2008 will be paid on Jan 1, 2011. The deferral from April 1, 2009 thru Sept 30, 2009 will be paid on Jan 1, 2012. This raise starts showing in your check on Oct 1. You will see 6 days of this raise in your regular check on Oct. 16.

In 2010 there will be no more quarter days and no more working straight time for overtime. Members of the 2004 academy classes will receive longevity once they have completed six years of service. In addition, members' longevity from those classes who had prior police experience in New York State will be increased by those years of service.

For the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 Columbus Day, Election Day and Veterans Day shall not be paid in the Dec holiday check. Premium pay for working any of these days will be paid upon separation or placed into their comp time bank which has been increased to 330 hrs.

#### HEALTHCARE

With what is going on or should I say what's being proposed with the Country's healthcare, it's good to know that our health insurance is fully paid. But still the question being asked is "How will a national health care plan affect us." Well believe it or not we have a provision in our contract that protects us. Sec 9.16-1 (D) states: If a National Health Ins Plan is enacted and mandated by the Federal Gov't to cover members of the negotiating unit or if said plan is optional and adopted by the Nassau County Board of Supervisors, then members of the negotiating unit shall receive said benefits: however, if said benefits are less than benefits previously received under this Agreement by members of the negotiating unit, the County shall furnish additional benefits comparable to those omitted in the Federal Plan that were previously enjoyed under this agreement, at no additional cost. As you can see by the reference to the Board of Supervisors, which are now Legislators, this has been in our contract for some time. But the strength of language and content has not changed. We are covered.

Keep asking those questions. The better informed you are the stronger this union becomes. And don't hesitate to call a rep if you think something's not right. You might think it's trivial but it just might benefit every cop out there.

### **President's Message**

by James Carver

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. As we left off before the summer one of the issues the PBA had expressed concerns about with the Department was the lack of in -service training. After several discussions with the Commissioner and the new Chief of Department they developed a plan that will bring every member to the Academy for a 1 day in-service training that will include the transition from the old baton to the new ASP style expandable baton (classes from January 2007 to the present were trained with the new baton). It will take about 30 weeks to complete this training. Ongoing training is very important in the job we perform and this should be conducted on a yearly basis to keep everyone updated on any changes of law or procedures.

The department is in the process of replacing the springs in the 9mm for weapons older than 5 years. This is a routine service to keep our weapons in good working order. We have asked the department to look into new weapons and they have agreed to look into it. The department will be forming a couple of committees, the first with the PBA, DAI and SOA will take place in early September to look into new on- duty weapons. We will let you know the results of the committee recommendation. The second committee is a continuation of the uniform committee which looked into new patrol uniforms earlier in the year. The goal here is to get a new uniform that will be a wash and wear uniform that is comfortable and continue to give us that professional look. We will be keeping the current "Nassau Blue" uniform to be used as a class "A" uniform for ceremonies and funerals. We have expressed many times to the department how important it is that everyone be supplied with a blouse so when we do attend ceremonies and funerals we all look uniformed and uphold the image of our department. Again when a decision is made we will let everyone know.

I am sure everyone is watching what is going on with Obama's national health insurance agenda and wondering where it leaves us if this is mandated. Back in 1992 when President Clinton attempted to start nationalized health insurance program the PBA negotiated a section that if that occurred and the benefits were less than what we currently have the county would have to make up the difference to ensure that we maintain what the union had negotiated for with no cost to the member. We will continue to closely monitor this process with the Senators and Congressmen from New York. We are also working with NAPO on this issue.

In closing this month's article I want to remind everyone to keep doing the great job Nassau Police Officers are well known and respected for. The cop on the street is our biggest public relations tool and we garner a great amount of respect from the public we serve. We have conducted polls that surprise the pollsters but not us. We have a bond with the residents of this county that is second to none and we need to continue that bond. This isn't different from any other business. We have to continue to treat the public with great respect and go that extra mile to do the right thing. When in doubt, take the report and don't forget that the interaction you have with them might be the only time they come face to face with us, so continue to make a good lasting impression.

Former Commissioner Donald Kane passed away on June 24th. Everyone that was here when he was the commissioner knew of the PBA's frequent battles with him. Even though there were disagreements on a variety of issues, you always knew he cared about the cops. I got to know him better after his retirement and he was always willing to help out. He had connections everywhere. An example of that was with the ongoing radio project which is coming to a conclusion. He was able to broker a settlement with the Archdiocese over an important location for a radio site. He never lost that love for this job in retirement. May he Rest in Peace.

### **1st Vice-President**

by Pete Paterson

This has been one of the toughest years in Albany in a very long time. The economic crisis hit this state hard. This made our job, as your representative in Albany, that much harder. As I stated earlier in the year, any legislative items on our agenda that contained a fiscal cost would be difficult to get passed. However, we did have some success during this tough climate.

The bills enacted into law this legislative session were:

#### **BINDING ARBITRATION**

This important legislation has to be extended every two years. Binding arbitration has been important to us in resolving contracts and other outstanding grievances. Without the ability to go to an independent arbitrator, the county would have no incentive to negotiate with us and would leave us in an unfair bargaining position.

#### **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

This is another law that needs to be extended every two years. Injunctive relief was enacted to provide an expedited method to resolve improper practice cases where there is a threat of immediate and irreparable harm.

#### **GENERAL EXTENDER**

This bill extended all temporary laws for an additional two years.

### LINE OF DUTY WIDOWS AND ORPHAN C.O.L.A.

This is a very important bill and its purpose is to provide for the families of police officers and firefighters who were killed in the line of duty. This law creates another cost of living adjustment for them.

### LEGISLATION THAT WE ARE STILL WORKING ON

#### Heart bill clarification

This bill has been vetoed over the past several years. This bill would clarify the current heart bill to provide a certain presumption so that our members who are permanently disabled due to an impairment of the heart would be able to receive the proper disability retirement benefit.

This bill contained a cost so it did not get passed through the legislature this year. We will continue to pursue this bill because it is the right thing to do for any of our members who may become disabled as a result of a heart issue due to their performance of their duties as a police officer.

### NON CREDITABLE PRIOR SERVICE

Several bills have been introduced over the past few years attempting to get a member credit for his or her prior public service time that may not be creditable in the police and fire retirement system for pension calculation purposes. (e.g. corrections, park ranger, AEMT, etc) All these bills contain a cost and the NYS Comptroller's office, which is responsible for establishing fiscal notes on any pension legislation, has consistently placed a large cost on all these bills. We have been meeting with the Comptroller's actuary on a regular basis and hopefully we will have some kind of successful resolution in the future.

### **BILL PASSED BOTH HOUSES**

We introduced a bill last year to allow members, who transferred their prior public service time into the police and fire retirement system, the ability to transfer that time back into the employee's retirement system in the event that it may provide a benefit for them. Current state law does not allow you to transfer that time back. In most cases, a member will lose that time if the law remains.

The bill we had sponsored had some success. We had it passed in both the senate and the Assembly and as of the writing of this article it is on the Governor's desk awaiting action. I met with the Governors counsel last week in Albany and informed them of the importance of this bill and the inequity created if the bill is not signed. The meeting went rather well and I will inform you if the bill is enacted or vetoed. We have several members who were vested in another retirement system and transferred that time only to find out that they will lose that partial benefit. This bill would address this problem.

Any member who has prior public service time should contact the New York State Police & Fire Retirement System to verify if the time will be allowable for pension purposes. Most times it is not and you should make the verification prior to retiring.

### **TIER II EXTENDER**

As reported in earlier legislative updates, the tier II extender was vetoed by the Governor in June. We are currently covered under the New York State Retirement & Social Security law section 384d (e) for retirement benefits. The retirement system has stated that since the tier II extender has not been passed any new employees hired by our department will be covered in a tier lll plan. All departments around New York State which have a similar retirement plan as ours will also covered by the provisions of tier Ill. The process for determining which plans would go into tier lll is a calculation which would be done by the retirement system. We were advised that our plan for new hires would be tier lll at this time. We are extremely disappointed that the tier II extender was vetoed and we will be working in Albany to address this issue so that the new hires can receive the best plan possible. I will keep you up to date and have a more detailed report on the pension plans for future hires and what transpires in the near future with respect to this issue.

### THE VETO OF THE TIER II EXTENDER DOES NOT AFFECT ANY CURRENT EMPLOYEES. ALL CUR-RENT MEMBERS WILL REMAIN IN TIER II AND WILL NOT HAVE ANY RETIREMENT BENEFITS CHANGED.

#### REMINDERS

If any of our membership was in the military prior to joining the Police Department, you may be eligible to purchase your military time to use for credit in the retirement system.

If you plan to purchase the time, you should purchase it as soon as you can. It is usually cheaper because it is based on a percentage of the prior 12 months of your salary when you actually apply for the time.

#### A Quick Glance at the Rules for Receiving Military Service Credit

Article 20 of the Retirement and Social Security Law Eligibility Veterans must:

- Have been honorably discharged;
- Have at least five years of credited service in the Retirement System;
- Not have credit for this service in any other public retirement system in New York State;
- Not have a total of more than three years military service credit in all public retirement systems in New York State, including this service.

In addition, some or all of the military service must have been during one of the following periods:

- World War II (12/7/41 12/31/46)
- Korean War (6/27/50 1/31/55)
- Vietnam Era (2/28/61 5/7/75)
- Or, served in one or more of the following military conflicts and received an Armed Forces, Navy or Marine Corps Expeditionary medal in connection with this service:
- Lebanon (6/1/83 12/1/87)
- Grenada (10/23/83 11/21/83)
- Panama (12/20/89 1/31/90)

• Theater of operations - Includes Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Gulf of

Aden, Gulf of Oman, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, and airspace above these locations. Medal not needed, but had to serve overseas.

#### **Your Cost:**

It will be 3 percent of the compensation you earned during the year of credited service immediately prior to the Retirement Systems' receipt of your application, times the number of years of military service being claimed. If the military time you purchased does not benefit your retirement calculations when you retire, it will be re-imbursed by the retirement system.

# A member who is retiring may opt to participate in the Partial Lump Sum Option at retirement.

The partial lump sum option was passed in Albany during the 2006 legislative session. This law allows certain Police and Fire retirement system members to receive a partial lump sum payment at retirement. The members of the Nassau County PBA are in 384(e) of the New York State Police and Fire retirement system and we are eligible to elect to receive a partial lump sum upon retirement.

This section of law allows a member to take five, ten, or fifteen percent of their retirement benefit up front in the form of a lump sum payment. Your pension calculation would then be adjusted accordingly depending how much you chose to take up front.

The New York State Comptroller's office has important information in regards to this option on their website. Visit the website at www.osc.state.ny.us

There is a calculator included to estimate what your estimated lump sum may be.

This is an optional plan. <u>Make sure you study your</u> option carefully before entering into this plan and consult your accountant or financial planner to make sure you understand the pension issues as well as any IRS issues.

#### 9/11 legislation

There were some recent changes with respect to the 9/11presumption law that was enacted in Albany in 2005. These changes enabled a lot of our membership to be eligible for this law if they become permanently disabled due to their participation in the WTC disaster rescue and recovery effort. The biggest change that affects our members addresses the 40 hour requirement. In the original law you had to participate in the rescue recovery effort for at least 40 hours at a designated sight. The law was amended to include anyone who responded for any amount of time during the first 48 hours after the first aircraft hit the towers. If you were there during this time then you do not need to meet the 40 hour requirement. I spoke with the retirement representative in Albany and he advised me that they are going to re examine all of the prior submitted eligibility registration forms and update the files of anyone who was there for the first 48 hours, didn't have the 40 hour requirement, and subsequently was denied. I will notify you if you need to re-apply. If you did not respond during this time period, the 40 hour requirement is still in effect as well as the other original requirements.

Please keep in mind that this legislation required a lot of work to protect you and your families. You owe it to yourself to register if you participated in any way, even If you feel that you don't fall into the parameters of the law. If you responded to the World Trade Center Disaster rescue and recovery effort you should file the notice form, RS6047n, with the New York State & Local Police & Fire Retirement System. You can find information on the New York State Comptroller's website at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/ members/index.htm. Look under the benefits section on this page and you will find WTC filing information.

Furthermore, you should also file a notice form with the New York State Workers' Compensation Board by filing form WTC-12. The information is right on their website at www.wcb.state.ny.us/

Both these forms are also on the Nassau County PBA website at nassaupba.org

#### <u>The deadlines for these forms to be filed have been</u> <u>extended to September 11, 2010</u>.

Both forms have to be filed in a timely manner and if they are not filed you will not be eligible for the presumption

### **Treasurer's Report**

By Wayne Hartmann

### NASSAU PBA HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE

The health of our members is of great concern to this organization. As many of you already know the Nassau County PBA has lost several active members to coronary artery disease or various forms of cancer in the past several years. As a result the PBA is going to undertake an initiative to give all of our active members a chance to have a state of the art health screening exam.

An arrangement has been made between Inner Imaging, P.C., an affiliate of the Heart Institute at Beth Israel Medical Center and our union. In this arrangement your Benefit Fund will help subsidize this screening cost. **Your co pay will be only \$75.00**. (The regular cost of this test can range between \$850 and \$2,000)

The screening exam is commonly called a "Full Body" exam and includes the following four tests:

- The Heart
- The Lungs
- The Abdomen and
- The Pelvic region

Your test results will be completely confidential.

#### **Coronary Artery Disease Facts:**

This disease kills more cops than shootings, stabbings and cancer combined. More than 1.5 million people suffer heart attacks, over 30% fatally, every year as a result of coronary artery disease. 68% of these sudden heart attacks are in arteries that are less than 50% blocked and can not be detected with traditional stress testing. Traditional risk factor analysis by most doctors only account for 50% of heart attacks.

The EBT heart scan can identify coronary artery disease as much as two decades before symptoms occur with an accuracy of 98% - 99%.

#### Lung Cancer Facts:

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. While police officers are 2.5 more likely to develop lung issues, 9/11 and other carcinogenic exposures have significantly exacerbated these statistics.

Electron Beam Tomography (EBT) scanning is 10 times more sensitive than a regular chest X-ray, and can detect the early development of lung diseases. The current survival rate of lung cancer is 12-15%. Early detection of lung cancer with EBT scanning can potentially change the survival rate to greater than 88%.

#### **Abdomen and Pelvis Facts:**

In the general population there is less disease found in these two areas. Given the conditions in which we work we have added these two tests. These two tests are used to identify early disease in those organs of your abdomen and pelvic area.

The purpose of subsidizing this screening and making it available to you is to help you remain healthy. If on the other hand, you are a victim of a disease we want to help you identify the disease early, before it becomes disabling.

This screening is also available for spouses, staff members and retirees at the contracted rate of \$375.

The procedure for obtaining this exam is simple. Call the PBA office and obtain a voucher then call to schedule your appointment.

By now you have probably received this information as part of a separate mailing.

Several PBA representatives were sent for this exam as part of the trial to see if we would recommend this exam to the membership. The only test that came back with troubling results was mine. At the time I took the exam I had a touch of bronchitis. The test was so sensitive that it picked up the shadow in my lung that required me to go for further testing. Fotunately all that worked out well but it is always troubling to hear that you may require additional testing. If you decide to take this exam do not go if you have a cold or any other minor ailment that may produce a negative result. After having a negative experience I thought it would be best to reach out to other police departments who are making their members aware of the exam (some are not able to cover the cost but many departments are promoting the program). No one spoke negatively about the exam and in some cases it was indicated that the test had saved the life of a member through early detection of heart disease. As a result it was proposed to the board to provide this benefit to our members and I am proud to say that the board unanimously supported this effort.

If you have a family history or are planning to retire and take the zero option (no survivor benefit) you would be foolish not to take advantage of the test!!

### Retirees

by J. Vic Dolgos

Listed below are P.B.A. members leaving their posts in May, June, July and August. Actually 82 retired in June alone, beating the July 1st deadline. This is the most retirees we have had in one month.

Stay well, keep in touch and enjoy!





**Edward Sventoraitis** Serial 4020 4/68-7-09 41 years service



**Gerard Klich** Serial 4236 1/69-7/09 40 years service



**John King** Serial 4838 10/7-6/09 38 years service



Kevin Byrne Serial 4812 10/70-6/09 38 years service



Anthony Rocco Serial 4865 10/7-6/09 38 years service



John Fitzwilliam Serial 4926 4/71-5/09 38 years service



Willard Mahler Serial 4940 4/71-5/09 38 6years service



**John Hollan** Serial 5112 1/72-6/09 36 years service



Allen McGovern Serial 5129 1/72-6/09 36 years service



Michael O'Leary Serial 5142 1/72- 7/09 36 years service



**Fred Bauries** Serial 5068 1/72-6/09 36 years service



James Cruickshank Serial 5086 1/72-10/08 36 years service



**Edward McGrath** Serial 5247 1/72-6/09 36 years service



Steven Schein Serial 5526 2/73-6/09 35 years service



**Charles Jagde** Serial 5463 1/73-6/09 35 years service



**Edward Truglio** Serial 5174 1/72-6/09 36 years service



**Ronald Schepis** Serial 5472 1/73-7/09 35 years service



James Bonislawski Serial 5193 1/72-6/09 36 years service



**Richard Meyer** Serial 5508 2/73-5/09 35 years service



**John Burnett** Serial 5566 6/73-7/09 36 years service



**John Kenna** Serial 5649 6/73-7/09 36 years service



**Andrew Sether** 

Serial 5527

2/73-7/09

35 years service

**Gregory Detwiller** Serial 5597 6/73-6/09 36 years service



Nicholas Kunda Serial 5660 6/73-7/09 36 years service



Edward Harsch Serial 5632 6/73-7/09 36 years service



**Peter Matuza** Serial 5679 6/73-6/09 36 years service



**George Hassett** Serial 5634 6/73-6/09 36 years service



James Murphy Serial 5705 6/73-7/09 36 years service



Michael Oggeri Serial 5713 6/73-6/09 36 years service



**Dennis Sharp** Serial 5756 6/73-6/09 36 years service



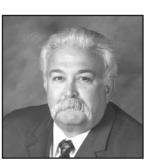
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**Ronald Burk** Serial 5818 10/73-7/09 35 years service



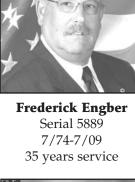
**Thomas Reilly** Serial 5735 6/73-6/09 36 years service



**Richard Pita** Serial 5846 10/73-7/09 35 years service



James Dempsey Serial 5854 10/73-7/09 21 years service





**Gregory Morga** Serial 5937 1/75-6/09 34 years service



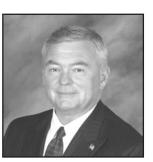
**John Gray** Serial 6003 2/77-6/09 32 years service



**Robert McDonald** Serial 5838 10/73-7/09 35 years service



**Thomas Hayes** Serial 5894 7/74-6/09 35 years service



Patrick O'Connor Serial 5906 7/74-5/09 35 years service



**Linda Stiklickas** Serial 5996 2/77-6/09 32 years service



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**Thomas Gilberti** Serial 6002 2-77-6/09 32 years service



William Gray Serial 6004 2/77-6/09 32 years service



**Robert Nash** Serial 6036 2/77-6/09 32 years service



Albert Jaskot Serial 6012 2/77-6/09 32 years service



Joseph Madden Serial 6023 2/77-6/09 32 years service



**Thomas Storz** Serial 6050 2/77-7/09 32 years service



**Karl Schoepp** Serial 6046 7/87- 11/08 32 years service



**Richard Zito** Serial 6059 2/77-6/09 32 years service



**Lore Dumont** Serial 6065 1/79-6/09 30 years service



**Richard Riley** 

Serial 6042

2/77-6/09

32 years service

Fred Eavarone Serial 6066 1/79-7/09 30 years service



**Richard Fogelson** Serial 6094 7/79-5/09 30 years service



William Competiello Serial 6094 1/79-7/09 30 years service



William O'Brien Serial 6109 7/79-6/09 30 years service



**Thomas Lavin** Serial 6187 10/83-6/09 26 years service



Wayne Mathison Serial 6104 7/79-7/09 30 years service



Vincent Quigley Serial 6203 10/82-6/09 26 years service



**Gary Monahan** Serial 6106 7/79-6/09 30 years service



Ronald Waskowiak Serial 6211 10/82-6/09 26 years service



**Patricia Tanksley** Serial 6251 4/83-6/09 25 years service



**Candice Dorsey** Serial 6297 1/84-6/09 25 years service



Shannon Cain Serial 6365 5/85-6/09 24 years service



**Thomas Maksym** Serial 6307 1/84-6/09 25 years service



Joseph Cuccolino Serial 6491 4/86-6/09 22 years service



**Sharon Held** Serial 6537 4/86-6/09 22 years service



**John Phipps** Serial 7100 10/87-6/09 21 years service



**Gregory Muth** 

Serial 6313

1/84-6/09

25 years service

**Edward Reilly** Serial 6585 4/86-5/09 22 years service



Michael Barbuck Serial 7275 7/93-6/09 17 years service



**Russell Hennessy** Serial 6866 1/87-6/09 22 years service



Anton Dreher Serial 7303 7/92-6/09 17 years service



**Daniel Mahimann** Serial 6889 1.87-5/09 22 years service



**Donald Hagan** Serial 7487 8/93-5/09 15 years service



**Edwin Martinez** Serial 7894 3/95-5/09 14 years service



Raymond Graham Serial 8010 3/95-6/09 14 years service

# Next

# Open

# **P.B.AMeeting**

# Thursday

# Septemer 17, 2009

# P.B.A. Office

# 8:00 P.M.



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CONVENIENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY AND LONG ISLAND

Date

Re:

Dear Dr.

Police Officer is protected by a contractual provision known as "medical review". As part of this process, the Nassau County Police Surgeon will call you to discuss the officer's ability to return to work in a "light duty" capacity. Please be advised that all officers are required to work 10 - 12 hour shifts answering phones and interviewing complainants that enter the station house. If the surgeon articulates any reduced work schedule or special accommodations for your patient, please request that this information be put in writing and submitted to you for agreement before you state your opinion on your patient's ability to work.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours, FUSCO, BRANDENSTEIN & RADA, P.C.,

By:

Milan Rada, Esq.

## **MAO / POLICE SURGEON QUESTIONNAIRE**

In order to evaluate members' police surgeons visit and MAO investigation the PBA requests that the following information be provided:

NA	AME	SERIAL#		_	
DA	TE OF APPOINTMENT	COMMAND		_	
SC	HEDULED TIME OF APPOINTMENT	TIME SEEN		_	
I# _		_			
EX	AMINED BY (NAME OF SURGEON)				
M	AO SUPERVISOR VISITED (IF APPLICABLE)				
1.	Was a medical exam conducted?		Yes	No	
2.	What did the medical exam consist of (What did the doctor do?)				
3.	Did the Police Surgeon perform any medical tests as part of the exar	nination? (feel for spasm, test for	sensory lo	SS,	
	use a tape to measure for atrophy, test for reflex loss, make you wall	-	-		
	etc.)?				
4.	How long did the medical exam take?				
т. 5.	Were you ordered to either Restricted Duty or Full Duty?		Yes	No	
<i>5</i> .	Was the Police Surgeon aware of the duties and responsibilities of your position				
	before you were assigned back to full duty?				
7.	7. If you were ordered back to work, who gave the order, Police Surgeon or MAO Supervisor?				
	7. If you were ordered back to work, who gave the order, ronce ourgeon or write oupervisor				
	Did this order conflict with any of your doctors evaluations?       Yes       N         Do you feel the Police Surgeon treated you fairly and professionally? If not, please provide details.				
9.	Do you feel the MAO Supervisor / Staff treated you fairly and profe	essionally? If not, please provide c	letails		
10.	Were you asked to complete any forms by the Police Surgeon?		Yes No		
	If yes, what forms?				
11.	After completion of any forms, were you asked, ordered or in any w	vay coerced into making			
	any changes on any of the forms?		Yes	No	
	If yes what forms?				
12.	Did the Police Surgeon discuss your symptoms, such as pain that yo	ou might have?	Yes	No	
	Did you feel that this was a full and complete discussion?		Yes	No	
13.	Did the Police Surgeon or MAO Supervisor make any suggestions t	nat you seek treatment			
	with any doctors or physical therapists?		Yes	No	
			1440		

If you feel that you were not treated professionally by any of the medical staff of the Police Surgeon's office, or MAO please complete the form and then contact a PBA representative.

# PBA

# PENSION ESTIMATE PROGRAM

Your PBA has instituted a Pension Estimate benefit for all FULL Dues paying Members. This benefit will entitle each member to one Pension Estimate during the course of his or her career. As a part of this service you will be entitled to have your pension estimate updated for 3 years after the initial estimate. We have hired Lynn Ang Pension Estimate and Projections L.L.C. to perform these estimates for the members. To take advantage of this benefit you will have to obtain a Pension Estimate Voucher at the PBA office. This voucher will then be given to Lynn when you meet with him to perform the initial estimate.

# Lynn Ang Pension Estimate and Projections L.L.C. Cell Phone: 516–946–1696 Retired HPB Formerly – PAB–Payroll Section

# NASSAU COUNTY PBA

# JUDICIAL/D.A.'S OFFICE

# **REVIEW FORM**

Your PBA is interested in knowing how you feel about your interaction with the District Attorney's Office and the various judges in the court system. If you have had a good or bad experience involving the court system please take the time to complete the following Judicial Review Form and return it to the PBA Office, Attention Bob Rettinger.

These forms will be used to help evaluate the members of the court system. Your input is both needed and greatly appreciated.

NAME:		C	DMMAND:	SERIAL #:					
DATE OF COL	JRT:		COURT:						
JUDGE:									
DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE OFFICER:									
IMPARTIALITY:									
GENERAL RAT	ГING:								
COMMENTS:									
ASSISTAN	T DISTRICT	ATTORNEY	) 						
DEMEANOR	TOWARDS POI		•						
CASE PREPAR									
WAS ENOUG	H TIME PUT IN	ITO THE PREPA	RATION OF THE C	ASE?					
WERE YOU C	ONSULTED DU	IRING THE PREI	PARATION OF THE	CASE?					
WAS YOUR IN	IPUT IN THE C	ASE AND/OR P		USED OR HONORED?					
COMMENTS:				<u></u>					
OVERALL RAT	'ING:								
EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	UNACCEPTABLE					

### Legal Report

by Milan Rada, Esq.

Based on a review of the accidental disability retirement (3/4) cases the firm has handled, it appears that a great majority of the cases involve slips, trips and falls as the causes of injury. So, how likely is it that you will be awarded a 3/4 disability pension if you suffer a career ending injury as the result of a slip, trip or fall?

In a November 2008 case, the Appellate Division, Third Department denied 3/4 benefits to a police officer who injured himself when he slipped and fell on snow and ice that had accumulated on a wooden plank that had been laid down between the sidewalk and the street in front of his command post. The cop's accident occurred in January. The court took note of the fact that the cop had walked across the wooden plank numerous times during his tour and that, up until the time he fell, the plank was clear of snow and ice. The cop testified at the hearing held in connection with the appeal of the denial of his 3/4 application that no snow fell that night and he did not see any dangerous condition on the plank until after he had fallen and felt ice underneath him.

The court stated the applicable law: "An injury which occurs without an unexpected event as the result of activity undertaken in the performance of ordinary employment duties, considered in view of the particular employment in question is not an accidental injury."

Another November 2008 case involved a firefighter, who must meet the very same requirements as a Nassau County Police Officer in order to qualify for a 3/4 accidental disability retirement. In this case, the firefighter, Robert K. Campbell, testified that there was no ice on the street when he hooked up a first line. He did describe several possible sources of water leaks on the day of the incident, including off spray from hose connections, imperfect seals in the hydrant/line connection and water dripping from the engine block and/or the down spout on the cooling system. The court took note of the fact that such leaks are routine. In his testimony, Campbell also acknowledged that it was sufficiently cold on the day of his injury to freeze water from these sources within a one-hour period and said that his fall happened about 45 minutes after he connected the first line. According to the court, "Simply put, [Campbell] slipped and fell on ice that formed while he was fighting a fire in sub-freezing temperatures."

According to the court, "The case law makes clear that 'an incident does not qualify as an accident justifying the award of accidental disability retirement benefits where the injury results from an expected or foreseeable event arising during the performance of routine employment duties."

Another slip and fall case involves a county correction officer who also must meet the same requirements as a Nassau County Police Officer in order to qualify for accidental disability retirement benefits. In this case the correction officer, Terry L. Welch, slipped and fell on ice in the parking lot as she walked from the annex compound to her car in order to retrieve her cell phone so that a fellow correction officer could use it to make a personal call.

Although this case does not deal with the issue of whether an "accident" occurred, the court did deal with whether Welch was injured while "in service," and this is a requirement that cops must meet also. According to the court, "The law is settled that [the comptroller] is 'vested with exclusive authority to determine all applications for retirement benefits, including the question of whether an accidental injury was sustained while in service, and if supported by substantial evidence, the determination must be upheld." The court further noted that "Although [Welch] testified that she was on duty and authorized to be in the area where she fell, the record is clear that she 'was engaged in a personal activity rather than performing work duties' at the time when the incident occurred."

Yet another slip and fall case where the applicant was denied accidental disability retirement benefits involves a school custodian who also has the same burden of proof as cops in establishing entitlement to 3/4 accidental disability retirement benefits. In this case, Francis J. Flynn, who worked as a custodian for the Deer Park School District, was called into work early to help shovel walkways following a severe snowstorm. Because of the large amount of snow that had fallen, a heavy construction vehicle was used to partially clear the walkways. The construction vehicle pushed down and compacted the snow at ground level, creating a slippery condition. When Flynn began to shovel the walkway, he slipped and fell on the compacted snow, injuring his neck, back and shoulder. In finding that this injury was not an accident, the court reasoned that "For purposes of the Retirement and Social security Law, an accident is 'a sudden, fortuitous mischance, unexpected, out of the ordinary, and injurious in impact.' In determining whether an accidental injury has been sustained, 'the focus must be on the 'precipitating cause of injury' and not on [Flynn's] job assignment. Indeed, 'it is critical to the determination . . . that there was a precipitating accidental event . . . which was not a risk of the work performed."

The court took note of particular facts in this case: Flynn had shoveled snow on many occasions, he knew the snow was slippery and he actually saw the construction vehicle that compacted the snow and ice on which he subsequently slipped. These facts persuaded the court that Flynn's injury was not an accident.

In another slip and fall case, a police officer suffered a disabling knee injury when he slipped and fell on wet grass while chasing a suspect. In deciding that the injury did not warrant an award of a 3/4 accidental disability retirement pension, the court noted that "Crucial to the finding of an accident in cases of this nature is 'a precipitating accidental event . . . which was not a risk of the work performed.' Thus, 'unless the injury results from an event that would not ordinarily be anticipated in the context of the worker's employment, it cannot be defined as an 'accidental' injury.' In chasing a suspect, [the police officer] was certainly engaged in police work and, in the performance of this

work, exposure to a variety of conditions, including wet grass, was an inherent risk that would ordinarily be anticipated. Accordingly, [the comptroller] could rationally conclude that the [police officer's] slip and fall on the wet grass encountered during the chase was a risk of the work performed."

These cases illustrate that slipping and falling, no matter how severe the resulting injury, may turn out to be a very hard way to achieve a 3/4 accidental disability retirement. Of course, when suffering a disabling injury in the line of duty due to a slip, trip or fall, even if it is not an "accident" it may be possible to qualify for 1/2 performance of duty disability retirement plus Workers' Compensation payments.

You should also keep in mind that you must file your applications for 3/4 accidental disability retirement and 1/2 performance of duty disability retirement within two (2) years of being assigned to restricted assignment. If you file after the two (2) year mark, your disability will be measured against the duties of your restricted assignment instead of against the duties of a full duty police officer. Please also be aware that any time out on sick leave counts to the two (2) year time limit.

Overtime can also affect your 3/4 accidental or 1/2 performance of duty disability retirement benefit. If you work more than 100 hours of overtime in any 12 month period following your disabiling injury and while assigned to restricted duty, your disability will be measured against your ability to do restricted duty, as opposed to being measured against the full duties of a police officer.

Stay safe! However, if you are injured and need assistance with Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability, 3/4 Accidental Disability, 1/2 Performance of Duty Disability, do not hesitate to contact me at 516-496-0400 ext 4413.



# **First Precinct**

by Maureen Mazur

Welcome back from the summer First Pct members and retirees. With the summer came many retirements, some current 1st pct members, Lt. Linda Stiklickas, Sgt Maksym, and some former members - Lt. Nick Kunda and Inspector Al Jaskot. We wish you all an enjoyable retirement!

Farewell to Sgt Lewis who followed our previous CO Inspector Capece to the 4th pct. Also farewell to Sgt. Ayrovainen who transferred to the 8th squad - you will be missed, especially by the members of your squad. Also farewell to PO Rosati on his transfer to Hwy.

Welcome to the 1st pct. new PO Waters and new Sgts. McCullough, Benedetto, Valente and Sacks and Lt. Beatrice as well as welcome back to Lt. Begis, who was previously a PO in the 1st pct many moons ago. For those who think there isn't a lot of movement on this job — talk to Lt. Begist. I think he's been to every unit and every command throughout his career!

Congrats to Jon Mitchell on making Detective - hopefully he'll be assigned to the 1st squad.

### LT. LINDA STIKLICKAS

Stik has left the 1st pct. as of June 15 and the 1st pct. members gave her quite a sendoff. With a potluck luncheon at the stationhouse, which was a surprise until Randlov blew it, it was a proper feast for a sendoff for one of the best Lt's to grace the 1st pct. Her fairness and level-headiness are what made Linda a cop's boss, and why all the cops love her. Stik's party at Jackie Reply's was comparable to Stacie's...A LOT of people. What a party! Young and old, current and former POs, and retirees. Even Al Cole made an appearance.

### **IS IT TRUE THAT**

#### Mahepath look

Hanrahan was sentenced to working in the garage after slamming Sal's hand in the door jam of the PD.

Mahepath was the ONLYcop at the Strawberry Festival who couldn't ring the bell on the strong man hammer? Lalala!

A female arrestee pointed out Ramos as a "Neptune fistpumper"?

Candace went to the Strawberry Festival with her daughter and thought she lost her wallet, had all of the pct guys looking for it, only to find out that it was under arm the whole time?

John Olnowich was working on a tour change, and offered to pick up and buy lunch for everyone working in East Meadow, thinking he was working over- time.

Again - John Olnowich was working on a tour change, in 104 car, and he kept responding "105" - CB had to repeatedly tell him "105 you are in 104 today!

Eddie Wahl hugged the instructor at Imobile training because the instructor looked like he needed a hug.

Vito Vitale challenged OB to a race, a 5K, and beat him, much to OB' s surprise!

### WHAT P.O. ...

Responded to Hooters for an aided case, then displayed a phone number of a waitress to the other police officers at scene, with a big grin on his face, only to have the waitress come running up to him and say (in front of everyone) "Make sure you give my phone number to that "Other cop"?

Was ready to respond to the range for a day that he was scheduled for in 2008.... It shows how often he cleans his folder!

Has taken a pay cut since Barbuck retired and Ferrandino went to Hwy?

Has stayed on light duty for 4 months after having a planters wart removed? Reminds us of the character

"Bruno" from the new movie?

### WHAT SGT...

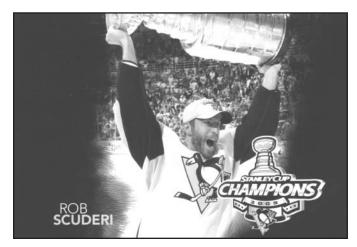
Was the ace pupil in IMOBILE?

### **CONGRATS TO...**

PO Mike Barbuck on his recent retirement. To POs McPhail and Wigand who beat Mahepath and Tommy Noll in an iron-man competition.

### QUESTION

Why is it then men always say on the phone "Hi it's me"....excuse me there are 200 men in this precinct



Son of former 1st Pct. member.



Vitale has bragging rights.

### **Second Precinct**

### **TRUSTEE REPORT**

by Ken Cortes

### **BEATING A DEAD HORSE**

Thank you for your overwhelming response to our money you could be saving campaign. In this month's entry I give you my new campaign aimed at guiding the department in the right direction regarding the contract. As you know, it is not always easy for the department to follow the contract, often resulting in extra costs. With the utmost respect and encouragement to the department, I give you the ad campaign I'd like to see...



### **DETAILS, DETAILS DETAILS...**

As you know, I have prompted several grievances against the department for not filling details. It seems the department is putting precinct administrations everywhere under pressure to cut back the details we have traditionally done. This summer was no exception. Several details including a fireman's parade and block party (which can get a little crazy at the end, it hasn't occurred as of this writing so time will tell), various Church Festivals, and community events are being filled, but not to the extent they would have in the past.

I also know the department has a managerial right in filling details. But it is my hope that they consider the safety of the people who are out there doing the front line work. I would like you to continue calling, and documenting these incidents as they occur, it has really been helpful to the cause of keeping the pressure on the department. They need to be reminded that the PBA will not compromise your safety for the sake of the almighty dollar. So keep those cards and letters coming, and stay safe out there! Until next Month, Onward and Upward!

### **NEWS FROM THE 02**

Brought To You By Danny Cebollero AKA The BEEF - email me at thebeef@the2ndpct.org And Visit www.the2ndpct.org

### FYI

Our Pct website the 2nd Pct.org Has Reached A New High; Who would have thought that this website would

ever reach this level of participation.

Over 500,000 yes ( 1/2 a million ) page views since its Inception In 2003.

### BEEF'S MOVIE/TV SHOW TRIVIA QUIZ TWICE AS NICE

What famous TV-Series/Movie town is bordered by these four states?

Ohio – Nevada – Maine – Kentucky

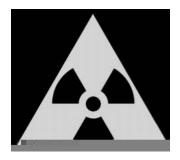
And Now For Something Completely Different "Venn ist das nurnstuck git und Slotermeyer?

Ya! Beigerhund das oder die Flipperwaldt gersput!"

"Hint" No need to break out the German-English translation book as only a few words are real; besides translating this could be fatal.

### BEEF'S RADIOACTIVE ZONE "WARNING"

You Are About To Enter The Realm Of Extreme Personal Expression.



Do Your Desk Officers Chase You Out Of The Station House While Your On An Arrest?

Do You Poop Out At Parties?

Do Their Tactics Go Beyond The Boundaries Of Professionalism? Or Even Civility? - Surprised?

Well Then, You Need Vita-Meata-Beef-Vegamin-Videos. Just One Dose And You'll Be Cured!!

So it's With Great Pride And Not One Itty-Bitty Bit Of Professionalism On My Part, that I Bring You Video Proof That This Practice Not Only Exists, It's Encouraged! This Video Was Smuggled To Me Direct From A Station House Surveillance Video Archive. I had To Use CG Graphics To Change The Identities To Protect The Innocent. It Shows Proof Positive What Some D.O.'s Will Do To Hard Working Police Officers Guilty Of Nothing More Than Just Doing Their Job.

Follow This Link.

"Please Refrain from Using NCPD Computers When Viewing This".

FYI those last few letters Begin With Down Slash \_j H r A y K Y www.youtube.com/ watch?v=wKW\_jHrAyKY

### JOHN HILLMANN MEMORIAL

### T-SHIRT SALES NET \$1,200. FOR NCPD WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

I wish to thank all the members of the 2nd Pct and to all of John's family and friends for buying up these memorial t-shirts. Second Pct PO Greg Galustian did all the work on this and thanks to the support and generosity of all involved we were able to give a check for \$1,200 to the NCPD Widows & Orphans fund in the name of John Hillmann who recently passed away this year. All told contributions to the this fund in John's name has probably topped \$2000. The generous contributions made to this worthy cause are truly a fitting tribute to the memory John. There are still about 45 tee's remaining, mostly in XL and large sizes, contact Greg for additional tee's.

### THE POLICE SURGEONS BENEVOLENT CAR SHOW



Held in the parking lot of St Anthony's High School a fine showing of at least 200 car buffs including many NCPD members who brought their own cars out to be judged to raise money to benefit the families of fallen SCPD officer Glen Ciano and injured Second Pct officer Ken Baribault. Pictured here Hwy PO Tommy Greer brought out his glide ride for a spin. Check out the article posted on the public side of the Nassau PBA website for news media video coverage and additional photos.

### 2ND PCT FISHING TRIP WOMAN & CHILDREN FIRST!

Paulie Catman out did himself again. This year as in years past it was standing room only. Maybe if we had less food and beverages on board we could squeeze in a few extra anglers but I believe a mutiny would occur "Me Leading The Charge".

We didn't catch as many fish as we did in the past years but nobody seemed to mind too much. Thankfully we made it out of the parking lot in good order this year.



Proof Positive that Paulie let anyone on the boat to collect a few extra bucks for the flower fund. Hey look at me, I'm crazy Mr. Mojito-Head.

### **BITCH WITH BEEF**



Part Timer Re-Hire's = Czar's Accountable To No-One? Police Surgeon Running A-Muck = Gov-Run Public Health Plan?

No Working Ambulance Fleet = Cash For Clunkers?

Second Deputy Commissioner Position = Bigger More Expansive Government In Troubled Fiscal Times?

The Emptying Out Of Units To Kill OT = Tax The Middle Class?

Collapse Of County Economy = Spend-Spend-Spend Policy

Apologize and Blame The Cops For Everything = The Obama European I'm Sorry Tour

Am I Wrong Or did Someone Find The Obama Playbook On The Ground Outside One West Street Mineola!

### **TOP COP - MARCH 2009**

On March 5, 2009 at 1700 hours, a subject attempted to withdraw cash from a valid Chase banking account under the false pretense that he was another person When the bank manager at the Chase Bank located at 550 Jericho Turnpike in Syosset, questioned the subject concerning the withdrawal, the subject fled scene leaving behind a forged Florida driver's license and a Visa card.

The responding officer broadcast a notification of the subject and the subject's vehicle, although plate information was unavailable. On hearing this information Officer Kelly took up a fixed observation post on Jericho Turnpike in Jericho, believing the subject might attempt to enter the Long Island Expressway at exit 40.

Officer Kelly then observed the suspect vehicle and was able to perform a car stop. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of one subject for multiple felony charges including, Possession of a Forged Instrument, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property and Grand Larceny. During the investigation a United States Capitol Police shield and ID card were recovered. These items had been stolen from a US Capitol police officer while he was visiting New York City in November 2008. The driver of the subject vehicle was charged with Criminal Facilitation.

The committee is pleased to have named Police Officer Dennis Kelly as their Top Cop for Mch 2009 for his diligence and quick actions.

### **TOP COP - MAY 2009**

On Weds.. May 27, 2009 victim Brian Horowitz was at his home at 2 Hollywood Drive in Plainview when he heard his doorbell ring several times. After looking out the window and not seeing anything the victim said he heard a noise from the basement that sounded as if someone was trying to break into his house.

Upon the victim going down the steps to see what was going on, the victim encountered Arrestee John Paccione coming into the kitchen. The arrestee had a pry bar in his hand that he began waving in the victim's face and the arrestee demanded the victim take him to the place where the jewelry was kept. At this time the victim was fearful the arrestee was going to either hit or kill him with the pry bar.

As the arrestee was busying himself filling a pillowcase with jewelry the victim was able to access a phone 'in another room and dial 911.Victim left the line open and went back into the area the arrestee was in. The arrestee demanded the victim give him the contents of his wallet, which the victim then placed in the pillowcase.

On the police arriving the arrestee left via the sliding back door- a second call had come through 911 from victim ascertaining the arrestee had left the premise. Officer Mishkin saw the arrestee running from said location and Officer Mishkin engaged in foot pursuit and apprehended the arrestee on the comer of Old Country Rd and Pasadena Drive. It is noted the proceeds were also recovered.

Arrestee was subsequently charged with robbery first, burglary first and second, resisting arrest and criminal possession 7th.

The committee is pleased to award the May Top Cop award to Officer Mishkin.

### School's Open Drive Carefully!

### **Third Precinct**

by Mike Covais

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable summer. There have been several changes around the precinct since my last

article in June. Just remember the more things change, the more they remain the same.

Earlier this summer there was an incident where several police officers had to subdue an out of control violent felon who was under the influence of a controlled substance. Most of the time immediate action is called for and ESU is not always around the corner. As we all know, in order to accomplish this task, we risk personal injury for the bad guy's safety and the safety of others around him. During this call several officers were injured, one serious with a broken arm. I just want to say once again I am proud of all officers involved. We are all a family; we can here the urgency in a brother/sister officer s voice. No one has to tell us, we drop everything that we are doing and respond! Get there fast and get there safe. The actions of the police officers at that scene is one of the reasons why I love cops, love being a cop and have never taken a test for supervisor. If you have a problem with the actions of a supervisor let the PBA know immediately.

Our state government in Albany is ailing with many problems, all of which revolve around money. In past years with the passing of 2 year extenders we have been able to keep Tier 2 for our police officers. Presently this is not the case. If there were new officers today they would fall under Tier 3. This is not a desirable tier. A few examples of Tier 3 are: 22 year retirement, no 1/60, no 3/4 disability, contribute into pension. The PBA is working vigorously against Tier 3 and will have more information on this as it develops. The PBA is currently working on a deal to make inner body imaging available to us. This does not take the place of a yearly physical but will assist your physician. We were able to get a group rate of \$375.00 for this exam. Your insurance does not cover any of the cost. The PBA will pay \$300.00 one time for a full/active member. Please see your PBA Rep. for further details.

The PBA presently offers life insurance through the Hartford Company. Many people such as myself opted not to take this life insurance due to the fact we were able to get a better rate on our own with another company. This will no longer be true. The PBA starting in January will offer life insurance through the Standard Insurance Company. Rates will be competitive with other companies and coverage can be raised up to \$500,000. All active members will have a chance to join. More information will be available in the coming months.

Since 2007 the Department has failed to give top cops of the month their plaques in each precinct. Due to pressure from the PBA this neglect of good police work will end. The Department is presently having plaques made for all top cops in every precinct from 2007 to present.

During the past months there were 4 violations of mini-

mum manning discovered in our precinct. That means 4 more officers will get paid 12 hours overtime.

Several people were unclear as to the notification by the time office for the 1/4 day and makeup days. It is 14 days notice for the 1/4 day and 7 days notice for makeup days. Also, if you are working a night tour and are scheduled for court that morning, you are excused at 0400hrs. If your police duties have you working past 0400 hrs, you will put in a 207 for OT from 0400 hrs. over a 10 hr. tour and 0500 hrs on a 12 hr. tour until you sign off.

At the end of this year the current 4 year term of the Executive Board of the PBA is up. The nominations for Executive Board will be on Sept 17 at the PBA office.

Congratulations Mike Maiorano and his wife on the birth of their beautiful daughter Emma Rose. Marie Urick who, after many years in the time office, is now off to greener pastures at personnel and accounting. A final thought to all my special friends...a dose of adversity is often as needful as a dose of medicine...

### **Fourth Precinct**

(the4thpct.org) by Frank DeResto

Well, it's September already, and for you guys that have been here awhile you know what that means.... it's time for F-Troop!! This year F-Troop will be held Thursday, September 10th, at the Sands in Lido Beach. For you guys that haven't been here that long, F-Troop is the Fourth Precincts Annual Retirement / Reunion Celebration. This is our big event. It's a chance for the the old and new to come together, share war stories, talk about the good old days, but more importantly, to share that common bond that joins us together as a family. So if you're off and want to get together with your co-workers in a relaxed environment and throw back a few, come on down.Speaking of family get-togethers, we held the First Pct / Fourth Pct on August 2nd. Although it rained most of the day, it didn't dampen the spirits of all those who attended. Everybody had a great time, even the kids. As most kids do, they adapt. They put their bathing suits on and just played in the rain and had a great time doing it. The rest of us confined ourselves to the tent and actually got a chance sit down and talk to each other, instead of chasing kids all over the vast grounds of Coleman Country Day Camp. In addition to talking, we ate... a lot. There wasn't much else to do. The food was great and there was plenty of it. A big thank you to Craig Braun, Bobby Rettinger, John Azzata, Kevin Leonard and the rest of the pit-masters who kept the food coming. Once again, a great job done by everyone and a great time had by all.

### F-TROOP Thursday, SEPTEMBER 10th The SANDS at Lido Beach (See You There!!)







by Joe Nocella pbabewsletter@yahoo.com

Summer is nearly over so it will be nice to finally kick back and take a breather. Ha! Who are you kidding? This is the fifth precinct

baby! The place is a zoo! It's not like the rains of June and July deterred any crime so why should things slow down come cooler temps? Fughetaboutit! It ain't gonna happen Jimmy so put those tray tables up, return your seat back to its full, upright position and keep on rolling!

Since last we met there's been a lot of movement in the Lyndon John and Jeff Rios went upstairs, precinct. Rhubens Tussaint went to the fourth squad, Matt Perlungher's wish finally came true and has moved on to aviation, Guy Bennedetto got promoted, Sgt. Arnold went to Highway ... lets see ... what else ... Inspector Canavan is now the CO of the Third Precinct and Sgt. Tom Iannucci made the move along with him ... what else ... We have a new XO in Scott Anderson. Captiain Anderson was a cop in the fifth back in the day. Welcome back boss, it's always good to welcome back one of our own. What else ... after nearly 15 years in the precinct, Ronny Rispoli has moved on to CAP Squad. Did I miss anyone? Bambino? Nah ... she's still here, and we're happy to have you back Ash! What a mess that was huh? Let's hope that never happens again. To anyone!

I'd be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank Tom Iannucci for all he's done for our command. In my tenure in the fifth, no one person has done as much to lift the moral of the cops as Tom has. That's because people were able to relax around him and feel like "people" not subordinates. If there was something he asked for, it got done. What's more, the cops were happy to do it. Every cop in this command would go to the wall for Tom and in my estimation, that's how you know you've got yourself a great boss. We've been very lucky here in the fifth. We've had a lot of very good, highly respected bosses and you can put Tom at the top of that list. We had a lot of laughs working together and as far as I'm concerned, that's what it's all about. Speaking of which ... Keep an eye out for the Viking's send off. I'll shore up a date once the loin clothes come in.

### **TIER 2? TIER 3? TIER 5?**

Now is a pivotal time for the job. What's going on in Albany can at the very least make your head spin so I encourage everyone to pay close attention to what's going on up there. This is a huge issue that could change the face of our job forever so it's important for everyone to stay informed.

On its face, the issues may seem straight forward but for us, the NCPD, things are a bit different. There are several things the governor wants to change about the pension system that we have written into our contract so it looks like we have a pretty big fight ahead of us.

Take the time to read everything that Pete Paterson sends out. Pete is our representative up in Albany so his reports will keep you as up to date as you can be.

### **EVERY THIRD THURSDAY** ...

Back in the swing of it ... You know the drill. PBA open meeting are held every third Thursday of the month at the union hall. 8pm start time. See you there.

### **Sixth Precinct**

by Ed Conroy

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Things on the Precinct level are good. As you will see from the rest of my article there have been some promotions as well as transfers either into or out of the Command. The County had applied for and was denied Federal funding under the Governments plan to either help Police Departments retain or hire new Officers. While the County had counted on getting some money in order to help them fill their budget deficit and as a small portion of the rescue plan they will have to tighten their belts in other places and the County Executive stated that he would not layoff Police Officers to find those savings.

The recession continues and it is the citizens who are the only ones being conservative or more frugal with their money while it seems like business as usual on the State and Federal Government level as Politicians continue to pump money into their pet projects and other unnecessary agendas with little concern for the citizens tax money they are spending. The failed coup in Albany by the Republicans and the childish and selfish antics from both sides of the aisle has proven that there is little concern for the private citizens and their communities. They should remember that we are the ones who control who our elected officials are and that we have the power to elect someone who we feel would represent us the best. We the people should exercise our right to vote and not forget that it is and important part of being an American. It is a time for concentrating on the essentials and disregarding all the pork in order to assist this economy and the citizens back on their feet. I hate to say it but, too many people don't realize that all the rescue plans are going to cost us more money in taxes which will prolong the recovery.

### **GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT**

For the rest of the world this isn't true but it is my opinion that it is when it comes to Police Officers when something happens. The administration of this job bends over backwards to encourage civilians to come forward against Police Officers and they will entertain even the frivolous of complaints such as being issued a summons for a VTL infraction instead of advising them to respond to court with a not guilty plea which is their true recourse. And this isn't anything specific to this job; you see reports from all parts of the country where a Police Officer is persecuted in the media for doing their job because someone sitting in an office somewhere who was not present at the event weighs in on it. Our own President of these United States has stuck his foot in his mouth doing the same thing. A Police Officer needs to have proof or evidence of unrealistic amounts to be exonerated of any wrong doing because the Department doesn't want to seem biased in its finding. If it is found that the complainant lied and filed a false report the complainant rarely suffers any consequences because the Department doesn't want to deter people from coming forward, but if it is believed that an Officer was untruthful he or she would suffer the wrath of the Department. Believe it or not I can almost see the basis behind the whole undetermined thing, I don't agree with it but I can see where there is not enough evidence to show either way who was right or wrong and the Department can not seem biased and side with its employee so it becomes undetermined, but that's where it should end. There should be no retraining because the Officer was not found to have done something wrong. Many times it is known that the complaint is bull but it can't be proven so why penalize the cop. Too many times the words, "the cops screwed up" are uttered in second guessing an Officers action. While watching the news reports about a recent Police shootout with two armed and dangerous subjects in which an Officer was killed I saw something that is rarely seen these days. The Chief scolded the media during a press conference for second guessing his Commanders and Officers for their actions and he was standing behind them 100%. It is nice to see that A Chief cares about his Officers and doesn't second guess them for their split second decisions when protecting the lives of citizens. Next to dangerous our jobs are intrusive, people don't always like what we have to say because sometimes they're wrong and they have to be told so. We are not given hours or days to sit and ponder a situation. But we get Monday morning quarterbacked at every turn. We must act swiftly and with confidence otherwise we could jeopardize our own safety and the safety of the public by hesitating or showing what some might deem a weakness to take advantage of. What happened to the time when a Police Officer was treated with respect by both the public and their Superior Officers and when did we become second class citizens?

### SMURF VS. DINOSAURS SOFTBALL GAME

This year's Smurf/ Dinosaurs game will be held on September 18, 2009 at 1300 hrs at Christopher Morley Park. Births

Congratulations to Dan Dugan and his wife Kristine on the birth of their daughter Nicole who was born on May 19th, 2009 weighing 6lbs 15oz and was 19.5 inches long. Congratulations also go out to John Cerulli and his wife Dawn on the birth of their daughter Melena Addison who was born on July 17, 2009 weighing 6lbs 6oz and was 19.5 inches long.

### WELCOME

Congratulations to Detective Lieutenant James Bartscherer on his promotion to Captain and his move upstairs as our new D.C.O.

Welcome back to the newly promoted Lieutenant Marc Timpano. Marc started out in the Sixth as Cop fresh out of the academy.

Welcome back to Sgt David Brehm from the Police Academy. Sgt Brehm was only with us a short time the first go around.

We would also like to welcome to the Sixth for the first time Sgt James Benson.

### PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to John Deignan on his promotion to Sergeant. John I'd say good luck but I guess you don't really need it since you ended up in the 3rd Pct on day tours. Who's better than you?

Congratulations to Lieutenant Robert Psoinas on his Promotion to the Rank of Captain and being named the new D.C.O of the 7th Pct. Good luck Bob you were a good Squad boss and D.O.

Farewell and congratulations to our Deputy Commanding Officer Captain Sean McCarthy who has been promoted to the rank of Deputy Inspector and has moved on to be the D.C.O of the Third Pct. That had to be the shortest stint as Captain I can recall at only 6 weeks and who knows by time this article comes out he could be in a different Command already. Good luck Sean.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Joe Guerra who has recently been transferred to the Detective Division. Good luck Joe.

### **FAREWELL**

Good luck to Sgt Mike Hospodar who has transferred to the 8th Pct. I know it's closer to home but when you realize what you have given up you'll be back.

Good luck wishes also go out to Sgt Jeff Davis who has been transferred to the Police Academy. It was a pleasure working with you.

### **TOP COP MARCH 2009**

The Top Cop Committee has selected Police Officers Steven Krukowski and Paul Iaboni as our Sixth Pct Top Cops for March 2009. On March 25th at 1344 hrs these Officers responded to a call for a smoke condition at an apartment building in Great Neck. Upon arrival a major fire was discovered on the third floor of the building. The Officers had entered the building and were checking for occupants when radio advised of reports of multiple people trapped on the third floor in the vicinity of apartment 3L. As the Officers made their way through heavy smoke down the hallway they heard crying and yelling coming from one of the apartments. P.O Krukowksi opened the door to the apartment to find a baby sitter with a toddler and an infant seeking cover in the rear room in heavy smoke. Officer Krukowski lifted the toddler and carried him, while P.O Iaboni led the baby sitter and infant to safety. Minutes later the fire department reported the roof in the vicinity of the apartment had collapsed. This was a major fire involving multiple fire Departments which resulted in two firefighters suffering injuries requiring medical attention. These Officers with total disregard for their own safety saved the lives of three people. It is because of their actions that they are our Top Cops for March 2009.

### NEWSLETTER

If anyone has anything that they want to submit to the newsletter let me know. If there are any announcements, births or gatherings I would be glad to submit them. Sometimes things do get by me so drop me a note. On the same note if anyone else would like to submit an article let me know.

#### **TOP COP INFO**

The Precinct Top Cop committee needs your help. If you know of an Officer or Officers that deserve recognition, please submit the information to me, the clerk's office or Sgt Ward our Top Cop Committee Supervisor.

### **OPEN MEETING**

The PBA open meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month (Except for July and August). Come down, stay informed and get involved. Hope to see you there. Until next month, be safe and stay healthy.

### **DISPATCHES FROM OUTPOST #6**

by Scott Blanshan

### **TOP COP PLAQUES**

Some of you might be wondering why you haven't received a Top Cop plaque after being recognized by your peers for going "above and beyond the call of duty"? It's a small price for the Department to pay in recognition for excellent police work and yet somehow that gesture has seemed to have fallen by the wayside.

You might be asking yourselves why, particularly if your one of those recipients? Well, the answer is simple. Like everything else going on in this department it all boils down to money.

We as a police department, have a budget somewhere in the area of 500 million dollars, maybe a little more but at least this much. There are all kinds of funds set aside for this and that within this budget. Unfortunately money being tight and bad decisions being made by some who have no business making those decisions regarding money matters, the police budget gets pilfered to shore up other areas within the county government.

There was a time when the money for the Top Cop plaques would come out of the Commissioner's Fund but no more. That money has seemed to go to other areas. The money allocated for these plaques per year was somewhere in the area of (are you ready for this?) \$8,000.00! Eight grand out of 500 million. That must make some dent in the budget, huh?

A couple of good Saturdays during the course of one's career and all of a sudden someone fancies himself a financial guru.

#### **UNBELIEVABLE.**

The Department doesn't think it important enough to praise those deserving police officers of their just honors over the last 2 years. As far as the department is concerned, those cops are just going to have to do without. Nice job guys. Don't let the door hit you in the arse on the way out, is pretty much the way THEY feel about it.

However, now there is a light at the end of this tunnel. Someone came up with the idea, I doubt it was the Department (I wonder who it could'a been?), that the money for these plaques will now come out Asset Forfeiture.

So, all of you deserving men and women will be recognized for your good works over the last 2 years. Congratulations even if it is belatedly!

### **FUNERAL ATTENDANCE**

Speaking of recognition, back on July 24, 2009 I attended a funeral for a fallen police officer from Jersey City, New Jersey. I'm sure you all remember it. He was killed in a shoot out with a couple of local scumballs. A line of duty death if ever there was one.

The attendance shown by the Nassau County Police Department was a disgrace. The order stated that there was to be 12 cops from 6 precints and 2 supervisors from the 2 precincts that didn't send any cops. That's 14 uniformed members. In addition to that there were the members of the academy staff: an Inspector, a Lieutenant and 3 or 4 cops plus there were 3 other union officers present. Not one chief in attendance, though. C'mon guys! Talk about the "Me" generation!!

Granted this funeral was out of state but it was in a neighboring state, in a city on the other side of the Holland Tunnel. Maybe an hours drive? We were only given 1 bus but we had plenty of room. We had 12 members on the way in and 13 on the way home. Uniform members should also hang their heads in shame. It seems like it was a collective effort on the part of both sides.

### **EYEWITNESSES**

The police are always looking for a good eyewitness. Whether it's a crime or an automobile accident that occurs, the police want someone who actually sees an incident take place to help in their investigation. It's difficult to argue with an actual eyewitness.

A couple of months ago there was an auto accident on Plandome Road, Manhasset. From what I understand it was a little chaotic. The fire department and their equipment was at the scene along with a number of police officers. Firemen and cops all trying to make the scene safe and secure so the roadway could be opened in a reasonable amount of time for the public.

Even the public did its part by following the directives set out by the police officers at the scene. Well, almost all. There's always someone who thinks they are more important than they actually are and has to throw his or her weight around while in the public eye just to make themselves look important. You know the one's I mean. More often than not this type of behavior is generally reserved for some low level politico and as luck would have it, this person was no exception.

With cars and pedestrians being redirected around the accident scene, this lone female pedestrian took it upon herself to walk through the cordoned off area because she sees herself as being that important and that no cop is going to tell her what to do. This female tried unsuccessfully to enter the area in question several times only to be rebuffed by the cop she had confronted.

On her final attempt, the police officer had to physically restrain her by grabbing her arm to keep her from walking through the middle of the scene. Good job? Yeah, it was what he's supposed to do.

As it turned out there were a couple of eyewitnesses from the fire department that observed the incident from start to finish. The female in question then makes a bee line to the station house to file a complaint against the cop for his "manhandling" of her. Personally, I know who this person is and I don't think she's ever been manhandled in her life. Probably wishful thinking on her part.

Anyhow, the end result is that the complaint was initially determined to be "unfounded" due to the eyewitness accounts. However, the results were bounced back to the investigating supervisor who was informed that the new findings would be "undetermined" because the eye witnesses were from the fire department and friendly with the cops. Can you believe that? Of course if these same firemen were eyewitnesses to a shooting that involved the person that rejected the original findings of the 360 and those same firemen gave corroborating statements on just how said shooting went down, those eyewitness accounts would be as good as gold and no one can tell me different. This is taking politics just a little too far. People are taking notice...

### **Seventh Precinct**

by Tom O'Reilly

Welcome back everyone, once again another summer has gone by way too fast, actually I think we should get a refund for the month of June, what a wash out. I hope everyone got to get away for a little bit or at least away from work.

We had a couple of outings over the summer with great success, first we had the annual 7th Pct Golf outing at Calverton Links back in June. I think it was one of the only days that June did not have rain, we had very good weather with little overcast and mild temps, and it was a perfect day for golf. I would like to thank everyone who participated and helped out at the golf outing, special thanks go out to Bobby McFadden who did an outstanding job planning and organizing the best golf outing in the county. I would also like to thank the staff at Calverton Links for their First Class treatment and to the Mulcahy's staff who are always great supporters of this outing.

Second we had the resurrection of the 7th Pct Beach Party, hosted by Val Troise and Matty Brennan they did a fantastic job putting this event together. It was a great turnout of people, great food, cold drinks, rockin live band, bon fire and of course the Beach. For you beach bums this is a must attend next year. We also the have the Pct picnic in the month of august but unfortunately I can't report on that because this article is due before the picnic actually takes place, but I predict it will be a great turnout, more next month on the picnic.

Well everyone should know by now that we are in the middle of the lag payroll, the lag started July 31st and will continue for the next 10 pay periods, each pay period moving up on one day. The lag goes to mid December and then the pay period's will go back to the old way, the lag does not affect any of the mini checks. Just a reminder the comp bank increases to 330 hours. As always any questions about the lag or any part of the contract don't hesitate to call any of your PBA reps, they are only a phone call away from answering any of your questions.

I would like to send out some well wishes for speedy recoveries to some of our injured reserved Police Officers Tom Lively, Donna Rooney, Kristin Patsalos, Howie Harsch and Greg Fenn. Donna, Kristin and Greg will all be having surgeries this month so keep them in your prayers and speedy recovery to all of them.

Last but not least we send our best wishes to the pct members who left us for greener pastures, Bob Mcfadden to Mounted Unit, Jimmy Byrnes to Hwy, Capt Tom Hayes Retirement, and Lt Nick Kunda retirement, enjoy gentlemen we will see you around the campus. Finally we welcome our new DCO Capt. Bob Psoinas, welcome Capt to the best place around. Also welcome back Sgt Pat Thompson, I guess he missed us here in the 07 or maybe he got tired of making all that records money. Bobby Kellermann has joined the ranks the 7th after a long stint in FTU, Bobby is a great guy and one of my old FTO's from the 5th, happy to have you here!

16th Annual Gary Farley is October 4th at Cedar Creek Park everyone should at least put in the application to get the shirt whether you're running or not please support this race. Well until next month stay safe.

### **Headquarters III**

Our newsletter will be comprised of items from July, August and whatever else has been brought to me from the membership. Lately I've been receiving tid bits of information in my mail folder, this display of participation is very comforting and shows that you guys want input in this publication. Several months ago we had a good amount of rain one day and radio gives out an auto accident (car into the bridge) on the Northern State Pkwy at S. Oyster Bay Road. A few members of HPB on the road that day were in the area and responded to assist NYSP (Troopers) with the incident. I'm sure some people reading this are saying (Yeah, they probably figure the guy is DWI!) No, we respond because we are caring and compassionate members of law enforcement community! Anyway, below is a photo of ESB towing a couple of units out of the mud after the incident.



The moral of the story? Don't park on the grass after it rains for 3 days. Moving along, several weeks ago on HOV grant a guy produces license and registration which shows his name to be Gennarro Bizzarro. I figure he's gotta be related Gennaro Ferrarro right? Congratulations to Joe Sedita (aka, Murray the Cop) and his family on the birth of his daughter Jilliaghn Emily Rose on 07-27-09, 6 lbs 10 oz's 20". That's the spelling on her first name I was given I hope it is correct. It's a good thing there were no newsletters in July and August or you might have named her Bizzarrette! Best wishes Joe. A great big welcome to the 4 new members of HPB, Chris Rocco from the 8th, John Rosati from the 1st, Charles Mitchell from the 5th, and Jimmy Byrnes from the 7th.. Most, if not all of you guys have finished your training days and are working solo by now. Be careful out there things happen real fast at 70+, get off the road with your VTL stops as soon as possible and keep officer safety your #1 priority. Most of all have fun and get to know everybody, this is a spread out command between road guys, bike guys, motor carrier, ESB and canine. We're all on the same team and must work together. The Top Cop committee which consists of Lt. Caslin, PO John McDonald, PO Dave Chiaro, PO Spike Owen and myself have been receiving letters on a regular basis. I'm happy to report the hard working officers out there are being recognized and your efforts are greatly appreciated. Top Cop for the month of May is John O'Moore. PO O'Moore responded to a home invasion call in Hewlett and while on his way there heard another 911 call in the area for a group of subjects matching the description. Aware of the neighborhood and locations he canvassed the area and conducted a VTL stop. This stop yielded the subjects, a loaded shotgun, a rifle, ski masks, and a sledgehammer, which were used during the burglary. PO O'Moore did an excellent job locating the vehicle and controlling the subjects until assistance arrived. I'm not sure to what extent his K-9 partner was involved but I'm sure it was a team effort. In any event, nice job to both of you. FYI, the vehicle the subjects used was originally reported as a dark colored, Ford, Crown Victoria but turned out to be a mercury sable. These individuals are using vehicles that we might be hesitant to stop or simply dismiss as they are in the area. Be open minded when canvassing and on not-so routine car stops. I recently had a Ford, Crown Victoria, blast past a me on the 135, and wasn't going to stop him figuring it was an unmarked. Upon stopping the vehicle 2 miles down the road I found out it was a T&LC driver with passenger plates recently purchased from a police auction. The operator said "Sorry, I didn't mean to bother you, I figured you wouldn't stop me because of my car!" I told him "It's no bother at all, stay in the car!" This shows the mind set of some motorists and how they perceive the Police. That leads to another officer safety issue of the I-Phone which has the ability to download Police radio frequencies and scan them in live time. This came out of one of the inter-departmental emails from other Police agencies. Today's technology can sometimes put us at a disadvantage and we need to be aware of the criminal uses of some of these everyday items. Here's some info from the Berwyn, Illinois Police Department (PD), criminal street gang members have been using specialty license plates such as the Firefighter Memorial plate and the Law Enforcement Memorial plate in order to avoid law enforcement encounters. This can possibly happen here, although I think NYS-DMV has restrictions on the issuance of these types of vanity plates. Then again it wouldn't be the first time a criminal's family members or friends working at DMV gained access to files/computers for information. Speaking of "plates" in the new I-Mobile CAD system when you Self Initiate a VTL stop on the top left first field, if you type in Tag/Plate then adjust how it will run the plate for you (some of you might know this already, sorry.) Another recent officer safety case (not in Nassau County) occurred when officers stopped a defendant for driving occurred when officers stopped a defendant for driving with a suspended drivers license. He was handcuffed, searched and placed in the back seat of a marked patrol car. During the course of the investigation, the officers discovered cocaine, marijuana and a loaded 9mm handgun. While they were in the process of arresting the passenger, the suspect that was in the police car, managed to open the door from the inside and attempt to escape. First, the suspect moved the cuffs in front of him. He then pulled off the rubber weather stripping on the frame of the car and removed the inside door panel, exposing the door locking mechanism. He stuck his finger in between the door and the frame and released the latch opening the door. It took the defendant all of a few minutes to perform the escape. He was caught just a few blocks away. Moral of this story: Don't leave suspect unattended in rear of RMP even if only for a few minutes, and have adequate assistance before continuing with your searches. Below is a photo of the actual door:



Now we'll play a little photo trivia, study the following pic carefully and let me know who it resembles in HPB:



The next photo is of Aviation Bureau landing on The Big Road at an overturned MVA scene E/B between Exits 42 and 43, Syosset something the average motorist or PO doesn't see everyday. Anyone know the section for driving/flying the wrong way?



And last but not least is an action shot of now retired PO Greg Muth on his 2nd to last day on the job. For those who knew and worked with Greg he could only be described as nothing but a gentleman and truly a team player up on the road. Greg may you have a happy and healthy retirement and God Bless You in all your future endeavors.



Until next month, Stay safe and keep it on the road!!!

### **Marine Bureau**

by John Connor

### **SUMMER 2009**

The summer season started cold and wet, especially on the first couple of weekends. Marine Bureau activity increased with the warmth of the sun. Even off duty. PO Spagnuolo and PO Larmony, while shark fishing on Mike Spagnuolo's charter boat "Gina Ann", 44 miles south of Jones Inlet, rescued four other shark fishermen. The off duty POs responded to a distress call from the four fishermen, whose vessel began to sink 6 miles west of the "Gina Ann". PO Spagnuolo and PO Larmony pulled the four fishermen from the water as their 30' fishing vessel sank in 6' to 8' swells. PO Spagnuolo and PO Larmony are "Semper Paratus" (US Coast Guard Motto meaning "Always Ready") on and off duty-Job Well Done!! , PO Larmony, while working on Marine #5 with PO Joie, PO Waterbury on July 30, 2009 at 1730 hours had another rescue. This time a passenger aboard a jet ski fell off the personal watercraft in Jones Inlet and the operator didn't realize his passenger was missing until he got 3 miles east in Sloop Channel by Wantagh Parkway. He called 911 and Marine #5 and Aviation responded. Marine #5 picked up the passenger as he was going out of the inlet by the Jones Beach jetty. "ATTA BOY" boys!! I am sure there will be more stories to come in our Indian Summer months.

### NYS BOATER SAFETY CLASSES

Two of our Officers Norman McCloy and Kathy McQuade once again did an outstanding job providing boating education via the New York State Boating Safety Course for the public. With the support of Commissioner Mulvey, PIO and our Police Academy this spring they certified over 135 students in 4 classes held at the Police Academy. With the class materials being supplied by New York State, it was possible to offer the course for free with virtually no cost to the county and what a great public service the department provided.

Many officers and their families have also taken advantage of these classes over the last few years. New York State requires this course for any operator to use a personal watercraft, and in the near future it will be required for operation of any vessel. During our busy summer months no classes are offered, but hopefully next spring we will once again offer the NYS Boater Safety Classes. Check our website www.ncpdmarinebureau.com for any upcoming classes and other interesting boating information. Registration is also done online at that website for the classes.

### **PICNIC 2009**

We had another great day and turnout for our 31st picnic. The weather God looked down on us once again with a perfect day at Tobay Beach. Thank you to ESU for the tents, cooler and use of the truck. Thanks to all members for set up and clean up.

### **RETIREMENT PARTY**

Ken Olsen's Retirement party had a great turnout. We had over 115 people, including retired members who worked with Kenny in the 1st Pct., HPB and Marine Bureau, in addition to members of the Executive Board of the PBA to make Kenny's night memorable. Leslie's speech about her husband was a perfect ending to a perfect night. Happy and Healthy Retirement.

Till next month...be safe!!













### ARPO

by Bob Livoti

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a nice summer off. I needed the break from everything so that we could forge ahead

with coming things for ARPO. First thing I would like to remind you of is our Scholarship drawing coming up this month. All members received information on the drawing in a recent mailing, so make sure you get your applications in. Remember its open to your children and grand children.

Over the summer months I looked into getting a meeting with a CPA and attorney to pursue the option and look into the benefits of making ARPO a non profit organization under the tax laws. If we can succeed in that endeavor, it will cut our mailing costs because we will be able to get a non profit mailing permit which will reduce our mailing cost of all the mailings we do.

The Fraternal Organizations picnic held in June was a great success, but I had hoped for a much better participation by ARPO members. I hope more of you will respond to the picnic next year.

The great exodus from the department didn't really materialize. It was expected that 200-300 members of the department would have put their papers in and retired. While there were a lot that did retire, it was no where near what the predictions were. I don't know if that is good news or not. ARPO did receive a lot of applications for new membership by a lot of previously retired members. That was due to the mailing we conducted to our PBA retired members. Now if each one of you would just go out and recruit just one retired member to join our ranks that would be wonderful.

Over the summer, I stuffed a lot of envelopes to all the retired members with information about joining ARPO. Trying to do it myself, I know that some ARPO members probably were included in the mailing and will wonder why they are getting the request to join ARPO. If you are one of those, please disregard it as I had a hard enough time trying to delete all the present ARPO members from the list I was working with.

For those of you who don't know anything about ARPO, I'd like to tell you that ARPO (Association of Retired Police Officers) is made up of members that retired from our job and from the villages. Although we don't have very many village members, if you come to any of our meetings, you will surely recognize people that you worked with when you were on the job. Our dues are only \$20 a year. We put out a newsletter ten times a year and everything is geared to the retired member. We try and have interesting speakers at our monthly meetings talking about things that would be of interest to those people who are now retired. We are strictly a fraternally organization and don't get involved in politics. Why not come out to one of our meetings and see for yourself.

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

When you were on the job many of you had lots of things to say and no one could keep you quiet. Now that you are retired, you don't have anything to say! I do a monthly column for the COP TO Cop newsletter put out online by the department. I've asked a number of times for something from some of the retired members only to have it fall on deaf ears.

A simple little bio of what you have been doing since you retired about a half page long with a recent photo of you and your spouse, girlfriend or significant other would be nice. Without your contributions, the column is going to die. Hard to believe that with over 3000 retired members, I can't get any of you to speak up now.



### Columbia Police Association

by Carmine E. Soldano, President

The Columbia Police Association hosted a Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, June 11 th at 12:00pm in the assembly hall at headquarters. On behalf of the Presidents and Honorary Membership Chairmen of the Association, a plaque was dedicated to the department in the assembly hall. The plaque is now mounted on the rear wall of the assembly hall. Hopefully, the other fraternal organizations will follow suit. In attendance were past presidents Anthony Bassolino, Joseph Bosco, Robert Cannataro, and Fred Penna. Past Honorary Membership Chairman and retired Chief Anthony Antonucci was also in attendance. After a brief introduction and history on our association, Tony Graziano came up and read the names of all past presidents and Honorary Membership Chairmen. The ceremony concluded with closing remarks from both Commissioner Mulvey and Chief Rocco. Coffee and homemade brownies were served to those who attended. Again, I would like to thank Commissioner Mulvey and Chief Rocco for all their support with this endeavor.

Our annual scholarship drawing was held on June 11th, 2009. Commissioner Mulvey and Chief Rocco drew the Scholarship. The five active scholarship winners were: Christopher Albanese - Adelphi University, Lauren A. Eavarone - University of Tampa, Briana Iervese - SUNY Geneseo, Louis Monteleone - John Jay College, and Carmine Soldano Jr. - Hofstra University. The two regular member scholarship winners were Lauren A. Nappi -Ithaca College and Kathleen Sposato Molloy College. Congratulations to all our recipients.

The members of the association attended Chief Rocco's Retirement Party on July 8, 2009 at the Chateau Briand in Carle Place. All attendees had a great time and we wish the Chief a long healthy retirement. Daniel Burns from David Lerner Associates in Syosset will be our guest speaker at our September 14th meeting. He will be giving a 20 minute presentation on good solid investments that do not involve the stock market or mutual funds. Please RSVP if you plan on attending this information meeting. The presentation will follow a brief regular business meeting. Dan will be providing a special Italian Dessert for our guests after dinner.

The Association will begin participating in the Town of Huntington Columbus Day Parade. The parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2009. Contact Detective Frank Ruvolo in the First Squad for more details. Joy Watson from the District Attorneys office will be our guest speaker at the October 12th meeting. The Association will also be presenting Tony Rocco with his retirement plaque. Again, please let us know if you plan on attending this meeting for a dinner count.

I would like to wish all who are participating in the September 12th Lt/Capt exam the best of luck. Hopefully your hard work will payoff in the future. Finally, a special thank you from the Executive Board to Deputy Chief Jay S. Caputo for stepping up to the plate as our new Honorary Membership Chairman. Jay has been a long time supporter of our association. Our next meeting is Monday, September 14th, 2009 at Verona Restaurant in Farmingdale. Please join us and enjoy the rest of your summer.

### **Police Emerald Society**

www.ncpdemerald.org by Tom DeSane

Greetings to all our members and friends. I hope everyone had a great summer despite all the wet weather. We have a full schedule of events moving forward between now and the end of the year. We ask that you support our organization by attending as many of our meetings and events as possible.

First, the deepest condolences of our organization and members go out to Rob Blum and his family on the loss of Rob's father, Harold, early this summer. Our condolences also go out to the family and friends of our 2007 President's Award recipient, Kevin Smith, who died suddenly in August.

At our June meeting, we announced the winners of our annual Scholarship Awards. We will be awarding four \$500 scholarships to the winners at this month's meeting.

The second annual Fraternal Organization's Picnic was held at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa in June. Attendees were treated to a menu of hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, corn, watermelon, and beverages. The low price also included activities for children and use of the park facilities (pool, etc.). Members and friends of all fraternal organizations participated and had a great time. Thanks to Lou Walker, Mike Fannon and all those who worked to make this such an enjoyable event.

Our annual Fishing Trip was in July on the Yankee III

from Captree Boat Basin. The anglers present got breakfast, lunch, fishing and beverages for one low price. Thanks to Mike Fannon for making this a yearly event that our members look forward to.

After being postponed by rain, our annual Golf Outing was held at the Timber Point Country Club in August. As usual, all who attended had a great time. Thanks to Rob Blum and Tom Gowen for their many years of hard work to make our annual outings one of our premier events.

Our organization will be sponsoring a Boston / Cape Cod Weekend trip from October 16th through 18th. The trip departs from N.C.P.D. Headquarters Friday at 12pm and returns at 4pm on Sunday. \$210 per person (double occupancy) includes: transportation, 2 nights hotel, dinner on Friday, breakfast each morning, a trip to Quincy Market, refreshments on the bus, a hospitality room and Irish entertainment. For details and reservations, call Willie Costigan at 516-431-9867.

Our annual 200 Club Raffle Party will be held on Saturday, November 21st from 3pm to 7pm at Mulcahy's in Wantagh (new venue). \$100 per raffle ticket gets you admission for two, a hot buffet, refreshments, music and a chance to win. Our grand prize is \$7,500 and there will be many other raffle prizes. Event Chairman Mike Pitcher and all Board Members have raffle tickets. Only 200 tickets will be sold, don't be left out.

Other upcoming events include the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Convention in Baltimore in November and our annual Christmas Party in December. Please support our events during the year. Your support of these events is what enables us to keep the membership dues so low while providing member benefits.

Up to date information on all events and additional information, including important notifications, membership applications, flyers and photos of all events can be found on our regularly updated website: www.ncpdemerald.org. BE SAFE.

## Nassau Police Running Club

by Rocco Sinisi

The September newsletter is always the easiest article to write as I have about three months worth of club news to report. And I preface it by writing that I didn't manage to cover all the races and list all of our members that were seen at the events.

I hope everyone had a great summer as the fall schedule approaches and racing season kicks into high gear. We certainly had plenty of rainy days these past few months but it also kept the heat and humidity to a minimum.

In June, the David Lerner Police Appreciation 5K Run was held at Eisenhower Park. We had a great turnout and

a record number of race award winners.

The race was billed as a 5K, but there had been much discussion on the accuracy of the course we ran on since we had to be detoured off our regular course due to another park commitment. I don't want to burst anyone's bubble but when just about everyone runs nearly their best times in years, including myself, you have to figure the course was short. It was more like three miles than the 3.1 miles a 5K measures. Still the club posted some terrific times starting with Fintan McCormac who placed 5th overall in 17:11. Newcomer Matt Dunseith finished in 12th place. Both were award winners in the Law Enforcement category. Other winners included myself, Lorraine Hannon, Mark Spottiswood, Kiernan Healy and Kathleen Lindsay.

The rain managed to hold off for a post race under the tent party. In attendance among many others who ran or didn't run were TR Hughes, Alan Hirsch, Frank Borgi, Shaun Wilbert, Robin Beckerman, Nick Pandolfo, John Conley, Ray Cote, Casimer Cegelski, Joe Frederico, Jim and Liz Tilton, John Mcglaughlin, Barbara Friel, and of course Commissioner Mulvey.

With a pretty impressive showing at that race hopes were high for an equally impressive showing in July at the Marcus Kleigman Workplace 3.5 mile Challenge. I was thinking we had the makings of putting together the strongest three man team we have had in years. But its summer, so vacations and other priorities took precedent. Like the birth of Mike Hyland's new baby. Congrats.

However Lesli Hiller was able to bring Catherine Piccininni on board shifting us to concentrate on entering a strong coed team.

A good move as the three of us plus Shaun Wilbert took first place in the coed division beating out 52 other teams.

We were also able to put together a Men's team that included Commissioner Mulvey, who also competed in the Top Dog category, Mark Spottiswood and TR Hughes. They placed 35th out of 103 teams.

We had the NYS Summer Series for about 8 races. Leslie Hiller and Shaun Wilbert were multiple award winners. Thanks to Alan and Lesli for bringing the post race refreshments and to our friends at LIRRC for the food.

Congrats to Adam Wor who completed the Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon in July. He finished in 11 hours and 13 minutes. A great time and what I find just as amazing is that Adam works the night shift and has time to train for the three events. I work days and running is enough to fill them.

Don't forget the Gary Farley 5k Run at Cedar Creek Park in Wantagh on Sunday, October 4th. Yes it is on a Sunday this year due to scheduling conflicts with other races. We always get a good turnout by department members and maybe a switch to Sunday will bring more members out. And don't forget the post race breakfast at Mulcahy's in Wantagh. Look for an entry form in this newsletter.

One issue down. Only nine more articles to go.

### **UPCOMING RACES:**

- 9/12 Ocean to Sound Relay Jones Beach to Oyster Bay Smith Point Bridge 5K - Shirley
- 9/13 Run for the Bus 5K Bohemia New Island Hospital 5K - Bethpage State Park
- 9/20 Angels on the Bay 5K Syosset
- 9/26 Cow Harbor 10K Northport
- 9/27 South Nassau Hospital 5K Oceanside
- 10/3 Running with the Bulls 5K Smithtown

### **Retired Column**

by John Nosovitch

Let me start this column with an apology to Al Wermelinger, Al is very much alive and well. That was an informational error in the May newsletter. Again, sorry for the problems we caused you.

TERRY O'ROURKE....cardncpd@yahoo.com Hi John; a voice from the past, Terry O'Rourke. I have enjoyed your column for the many years that it has been running in the PBA Newsletter but, being the procrastinator that I am, it is just now that I'm writing to you. Well, I retired in 1999 and moved to Sunset Beach NC with my wife, Terri. That's right Terry and Terri. There are several former NCPD members living here and for the most part it was just a coincidence. We have two grandchildren that keep us quite busy with another on the way. My daughter, who went to medical school courtesy of the federal government, has about one year left on her obligation and then she's out. She spent 2006 in Iraq and that meant a lot of babysitting for yours truly. I look forward to your column and I'm sorry I haven't contacted you sooner. Keep up the good work. Terry O'Rourke, 1307 Forest Creek Rd, Sunset Beach, NC 28468

JOHN ROWE ... robo607@optonline.net Received this from Ed Wahl. I remember blue and orange patrol cars. One light mounted in the middle of the roof. A light bar with two lollypop lights and the siren mounted over the driver. You had to beat the siren with your nightstick in the winter. Air conditioning consisted of rolling down the windows. Rubber floor covering rather than carpeting.Bent coat hangers shoved into the dash to hang your hat. Blue Arrow Highway Cars (Alcohol Safety Patrol) Every front (bench) seat had a hole burned in it from the spotlight. Armor-alling the seat and then sliding across while responding to a call. K-cars! Precinct mechanics and brooms that were sworn members .38's with dump pouches on your belt. LA Holsters that fell apart.Speed loaders. Cushman scooters with canvas doors that sucked in the cold air. The heater only worked when moving. Election Day Poll details. Jacks in the back pocket. Only two radio bands- North and South. North could never get on the air because the Sixth was closing the Viaduct. Someone would play taps at 2345 and reveille at 0630. Identifier cards in the

"new" radios. Cardboard summonses. Gas tickets that cranked in upside down and backwards.Uniform inspections once a year and then waiting for another year to receive the new uniform that no longer fit due to weight gain. Bridge Coats on the Officers. Light blue flaps on summer shirts. Leather Jackets replacing Horse blankets. Sergeants in Station wagons 40 series ambulances driven by Cops armed with oxygen and band-aids 42 trucks.Cigarette machines and wooden phone booths in the Station House. Foot posts and Sergeants checking to make sure your tin was cold to the touch.Church Crossings, folding stop signs and roll out stop signs.Form 89s, aided cards, and bicycle reports. The Main Desk and phony menus for prisoners. The Blue Room was Blue. Gruff Desk Officers and Police Women in skirts. Status Boards with toggle switches with lights at the signal monitor position.Flutes for the Lieutenant Team Policing"It's cloudy out kid"And- last but not least- \$3.86 mini checks. Yes- I remember all of these. The most important thing I remember is a lot of good, caring people. People who would do anything for you, people who would show up after working all night and still help you with a home renovation project. People who would purchase a Christmas tree and leave it next to someone's house. These were the kind of people I worked with over all these years. No they weren't heroes or anyone looking for recognition. They were all ordinary people doing exceptional things every day. They just wanted to be treated with respect and a little gratitude. Thank you for the memories and allowing me to be part of it. I was proud to belong to such an extraordinary group.

VINCENT BAUMER...636 Bay Laurel Lane Forth Worth, Tx 76108-4818.. Howdy from North Texas, I hope this finds both you and Betty in good spirit, feeling hale and happy. Also hope your area has been summery and pleasant.. { we have not had rain like you, 4 hours north of us and over 30 some odd days over 100 } I've been meaning to write, send some news and feel this is a good time since there will be no PBA Retired Column in the months of July or August. A period when you can travel and visit with family or close friends living out of state. I am happy to be back home here with my Texas family, after a period of time I spent in the hospital for surgery in early March. After surgery I was sent to was sent to recover in a Senior Re-hab center in downtown Fort Worth. I remained there for three months and am now busy trying to catch up with writing letters to family and old friends, explaining the reason for not hearing from me. Happy to report I am feeling much better {glad to hear that} and now able to be active and manage to get around the house and property. I have two good doctors treating me who have me on strong medications to ease the discomfort of arthritis and other Old -Age problems. I am enjoying the baseball seasonal games on Cablevision and rooting for the Texas Rangers and looking forward to the upcoming NFL football season to begin. Also want to thank you for your many years of writing the column dedicated to the NCPD Retired Community. Your efforts are deeply appreciated by all ot us members of the retired community. I was saddened when I received word recently oft he passing of Gus Schaper, who was the traveling reporter for the Recruit Class of October 1, 1946 retirees. Seems like there is only 18 of that class still alive and active. On February 14, 2009, I was retired for 37 years and realize that most of the retirees are in their 80's plus. I feel fortunate to be one of the Brothers still alive. I am lucky to be able to enjoy those years left here with family in Texas. In closing God Bless you and yours and God Bless America. Vincent Michael Baumer "Old 776" 90 years old.. {God Bless You, Vince}

ROBERT **DOEPPER**...sent by wife LIZ .... RDOPPER@nycap.rr.com Bob and I wanted to say hello and to let you know that we are doing well. We visited our daughter, Patti on June 7th for her daughter Mary's graduation from high school. It was a rather quick trip. Our two other daughters, Elizabeth and Marianne came with us. Elizabeth and husband drove down with their family while Marianne and her daughter flew down with us. Mary was a honor student and she will be attending University of North Texas in September. The weather was indeed very warm, but I hear it is even warmer now. We have been keeping busy what with so many grandchildren, (24) latest count!!! Do hope all is well with you both and your family. {It is always good hearing from you.}

**JOHN CARLSON**...jl.carlson@mail.cdelightband.net Please be advised that I have a new e-mail address: Thank You

**GEORGE IZZO**...CONEYISLANDGEO@aol.com My son, George Jr.. Lost his battle with cancer June 6, 2009. We went to Idaho where he and his wife reside for his burial. It was a Military Funeral, in a veterans cemetery in Boise, Idaho on June 11 ,2009. He served 17 years in the Army, during Desert Storm Operation. He was a Staff Sgt. {Our Deepest Sympathy}

TIM IVERS...zebrat71@aol.com...We hope you both are enjoying good health and traveling. Ann and I have recently returned from a car trip to New York. We spent some time with Ann's mother who is 96 and resides in an independent living apartment complex on the grounds of the Queen of the Rosary Academy in North Amityville. While there we stayed with Ann's brother, Paul, and his wife, Kathy at their home in Plainview. I was hoping to make the 8th Precinct monthly breakfast on the first Monday, but we didn't arrive until a week afterward. The US Open Golf tournament was in progress, and the crowds were huge. Had to settle for watching the event on the TV. In the late '40s one of my first jobs was as a caddie at the same Bethpage Black course. Not many caddies would take a "loop" on the Black because it was so long and hilly. While in New York we also attended one of our grandson's (Timmy) birthday celebration. On our return trip south we stopped in Salisbury, Maryland and visited for a few days with my brother, Joe, and his wife, Ceil. Joe retired from Grumman after 42 years. We got in a couple rounds of golf between rain showers. From there we headed south again and stopped just outside Columbia, South Carolina to visit with Rich and Betty Lesnieski. He was an 8th Precinct cop in the early 70's who left and joined the State Police, retiring from that job in 1992. We have also moved from Panama City Beach, this time to a location 40 miles north, in Chipley, Florida. We're in Washington County, a 'dry' county, and it is not what you envision when you think "Florida". Mostly farms, ranches, vegetables, cotton, cattle and a dog track. Our address is: 3336 Antler Trail, Chipley FL 32428. Stay well, and BTS. (Beat The System)

**GUY HAMMERSMITH**...pghammersmith@yahoo. com sent by wife, Pat. This has been some year so far! We returned home from Connecticut on New Year s Eve day after spending Christmas with our son and his family. January we went to Nassau Blue in Florida. At the end of February we were on a cruise through Baja, Mexico and returned in March via Connecticut to attend our grandson's Eagle Scout celebration. Our son had surgery in April so we went back to Connecticut to spend the week so his wife could go back to teaching and coaching her high school field hockey team while we stayed with the kids. May was busy with grandkids in Atlanta for end of the year performances for chorus, awards ceremonies, recitals, swim meets, soccer playoffs and two graduations - one from elementary school and one from high school. Then in June we were back in Connecticut for our grandson's high school graduation. Unfortunately, Guy ended up in the hospital with surgery that led to a trial fibrillation of his heart and ended up in cardiac ICU for a week and another week in a step down unit. He was so weak they sent him to re-hab for another week. We ended up in Connecticut for a month instead of a week. I drove home and spent the next week attending doctor appointments with Guy. This past week we had eight of our grandchildren all together in Atlanta. It was a busy, hectic week but fun to watch all the kids interact with one another. Guy is doing better - gaining his strength back a little each day. We have no plans to travel for awhile...but may attend a high school reunion at Myrtle Beach in November - still "iffy". The reunion is for many graduating classes from our high school in Nassau County. They planned it in S.C. so it would be mid-way from L.I. to Florida where so many have retired. They have a nice itinerary planned and sounds like fun.

**NASSAU BLUE 17TH ANNUAL REUNION** January 21 - 24, 2010 Radisson World Gate Resort, 3011 Main Gate Lane Kissimmee, Florida

All retired and active members from every Department that served in Nassau County are welcome. Bring your family and friends and have an extended vacation. You must make your own reservations by calling the Hotel at 1-866-705-7676 between 9 AM and 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday and tell them you are attending the Nassau Blue Reunion. Hotel room rate is \$82, plus tax per night and includes a breakfast buffet each morning at the Savannah Grill. Rates are for two and good for 3 days before and after reunion dates. Cut-off date for a guaranteed Nassau Blue room is December 22, 2009. No shows or cancellations for rooms are based on Hotel policy. Check in time is 4 PM. If you arrive early please come to the Hospitality Room until your room is ready.

Our Saturday evening dinner will feature a presentation of fine foods to be followed by a delicious dessert. The festivities and a Cash Bar will start at 6:30 PM, dinner slightly later. Get together with your friends, make sure they all wish to sit at the same table. See Kathy or Maureen at the Nassau Blue Check-In table upon arrival.

Our entertainment this year will be provided by Debi G with music for all ages. Cost per person will be \$46. 50/50 winners will be announced during the evening. Hospitality Room Hours: Thursday 11AM till 1AM; Friday 7 AM till 1 AM; Saturday 7 AM till ? ? ? (CLOSED DURING DINNER SHOW 5 PM until 10:30 PM) and Sunday 7 AM till 10 AM. A Hospitality Fee of \$20 per person is required from ALL Nassau Blue Registered guests.

Attendees with RESERVATIONS OFF property or with discounted room rates, fee will be \$45\*\* per person. \*\*Local Florida residents not included in up scaled fee .Checks for Dinner and Hospitality should be made payable to: "Nassau Blue Reunion Fund" and mailed to: Nassau Blue c/o Rich Buchan 1309 Altoona Ave., Spring Hill, FL 34609. For more information call: Frank McCabe 352-686-7362 or Rich Buchan 352-688-1610

**ODDS AND ENDS**...**Guy and Pat Hammersmith** just became Great Grandparents of a 8 lb baby boy, Blake Bevier who has a big sister named Madeline (Maddie)

**Ray and Dorothy French** just returned from a family reunion in Northern Illinois.

**Henry and Inga Sauljust** returned from a trip to Nevada and California.

**Herman and Edna Jorgensen** are back from their trip to New York

**Lou and June Marcus** went to North Carolina to visit their daughter who is attending college there.

**Bob and Dianne Livoti** are back in New York after a long stay at their place on the Keys.

**Bruce (Spike) and Kathy Twining** went on a cruise with their son and his family to Bermuda. A good time was had by all.

**Cookie O'Conner** is off to Connecticut and Long Island from her home in Florida to visit family.

**GOOD AND WELFARE** .... **GET WELL**....Wishes to Guy Hammersmith and to any one else out there in retirement land who has been ill and has not let us know!.

**DEATHS** unfortunately, there are a lot to report. DEEP-EST SYMPATHY to the families of Barrett (Barry) Bergman, Richard Friskey, William F. King, Thomas J. Walsh, William J. (Jack ) Dempsey, Edwin J. Kane, Albert E.(Al) Beatty, Walter Swierkowski, Herbert V (Herby) Goggins, Robert (Bobby) Oehle, Joseph J. Moore, James P. Sanders, Albert G. Schilling, David M, Ohayon, Melford K. Placilla, Larry Stoecker Active Member PO. Brian E. Musselwhite, and the widow of Arthur Regan, Mary E. (Betty) Regan, also to Greg Pedersenon the loss of his mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. **WRITER'S THOUGHTS...** The summer is just about over and now is the time for retirees to let others know what you did on your summer vacation . We don't need to know about your vacation necessarily just write and let us know how things are going for you in your retirement! Remember it is your column!!!

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#### **Dino's Doins**

by Bob Baumann

Thirty-four pct. Ustabees met, for the, usual rumpus in the Nautilus Diner, Massapequa on Monday morning 3 August.

The "meeting' began with our customary recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and prayers and thoughts for our departed comrades and those who are injured or ill.

Predictably another round of character assassinations, back thumpings tall story telling and reminiscin' accounted for most of the deafenin decibels bouncing off the walls,but it was all part of the usual procedures which everyone seemed to enjoy to the fullest. And as usual,if the details of the tall stories weren't recounted exactly as someone thought, there was no shortage of listeners eager to set the record straight.(OK! So the differences may have come close to triggering a more physically oriented approach to setting things straight (just kiddin' - B) the would-be combatants soon remembered they weren't quite the men they were 20 or 30 (40?) years ago so it all ended peacefully.)

John Malone, up from FL, took honors for the longest trip (we think!). Desmond Leahy, aka Dezzy, came by also from FL,St. Augustine) his first visit since retiring. Vinnie Jackalaitis, missing for the past 5-6 months showed up, a sign he's improving. Dennis Ferguson dripped by, first time in 6 months, Bob Morse is hobblin' around, slowly recovering from back surgery and to top it all, it was announced that Bill Werner celebrated his 90th birthday last week, taking the wind outta Paul Lozowski's sails. Paul's always boasting about having made it to the early 80s.

The 7th Pct.\* Picnic will be held in Marjorie Post Park, where else) on Tues., 8/18 starting at 1200. (\*It may include the 8th and 2nd too!) Bob Livoti announced the next defensive driver course will be presented in the PBA office, Thurs, 9/24.

John Malone won the \$1.00 @ man drawing, giving him a full tank (well almost full) for his return trip. Bill Stegmuller won the plug-in, in-car coffee making gizmo donated by "Pres" Tyrrell to ensure that when he's on the road he'll get sufficient exercise stretching his legs, sprinting to the "facilities" in the interstates widely spaced rest stops! Bill Werner won a potted plant (rumored to be grass) to help him celebrate his birthday. Since John Malone's leaving soon, the care and feeding of Dino, our mascot, was entrusted to Bob Morse to ensure its return next month.

Thirty-one former H.P.B. road Warriors met at 1000 on Mon 8/10 in the Paradise Diner, Hauppauge for the usual raucous rantin'. ravin' 'n' rememberin'.

Festivities began after out traditional Pledge of Allegiance and moments of reflection for those no longer with us, those in harm's way and those who are ill and injured.

Dick Block, in love with his recently acquired BMW, arrived at an unheard of early hour to confess he just can't keep it under warp speed!

Walter Lewan showed up from FL awreddy! Woudja believe it? Bob Sharka dropped by for his first visit in a looong time, only to be topped by Charlie Varney, another snowbird here in the far north since May. Fred Munnich made another of his faithful visits (he hasn't missed one in months!) to spend a few hours schmoozing with his buddies. Good to see you Fred. Looking forward to next month.

Al Livoti won the \$1.00 @ man drawing but managed to sneak out without picking up everyone's tab! (Watta guy, musta been a cop!)

Next date: same time and place, 1000, Mon., 9/14, CU there? Hope so.

## **Attention Newsletter Reporters**

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Thank you for your cooperation!

The Editor



★ ATTENTION ALL MARINES ★ Nassau/Suffolk USMC Association Meetings First Thursday of Every Month Tun Tavern, 1st Marine Corps District

605 Stewart Avenue, Garden City 2000 Hours Yearly Event: USMC Birthday Celebration

Assn. Chaplain - Fr. Joseph D'Angelo Annual Scholarship drawn at Birthday Celebration

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#### **★7th Precinct Website★**

The 7th Precinct now has a website for active and retired members.go to:

#### www.the7thpct.org

and register.

#### ★4th Precinct Website★ the4thprecinct.org

The new 4th precinct website for all present and past members of the 4th Precinct is now up and running. Log onto **the4thpct.org** to register and find out about precinct events and hapenings

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To gain access to the "Members Section" You must enter a user name & password

The first letter of your last name MUST be capitalized.

There cannot be any special characters in your password such as a apostrophe (O'Donnell). Type our name without these characters.

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#### Do You Remember "E" Building?

If you do, you are probably retired. Did you know Commissioner Mulvey has established an email group just for reitred members? Want to join? It's simple, all you need to do, is send your name, serial #, and current email address to:

#### retiredemail@pdcn.org

The above address is only for incoming mail. If you have a question or comment feel free to write to:

foconnor@pdcn.org Frank O'Connor, Office of Commissioner of Police

#### **\*FIFTH PRECINCT\***

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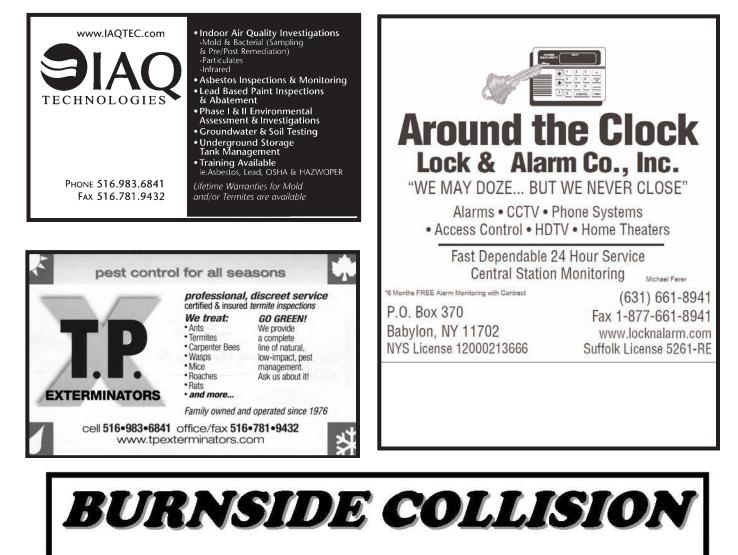
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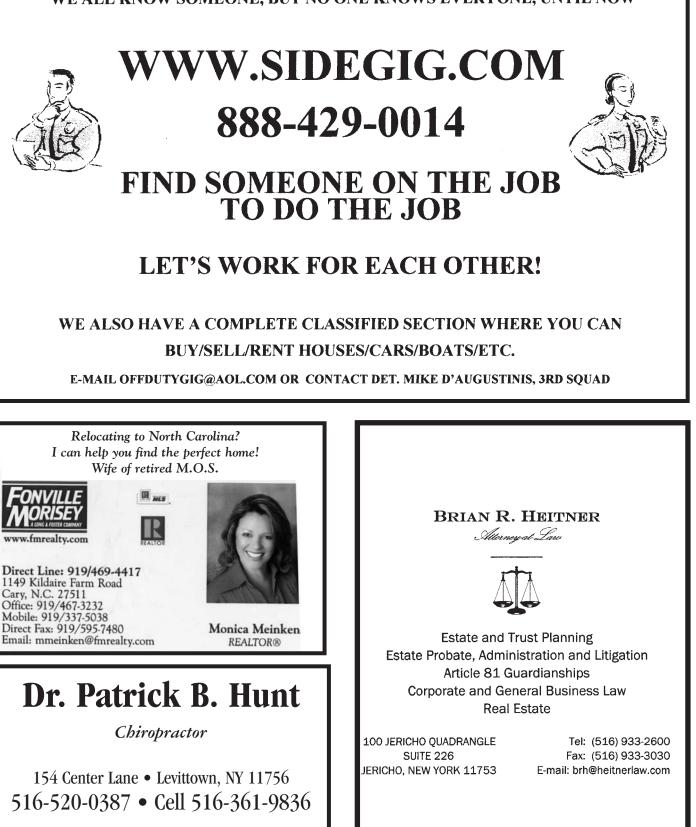
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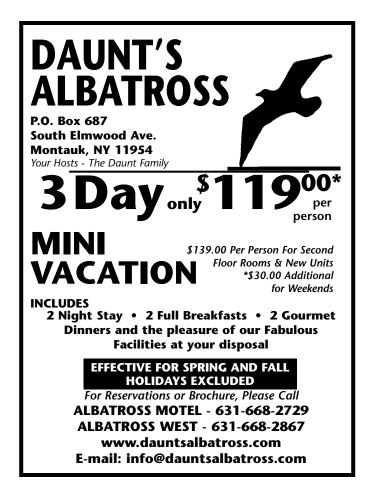
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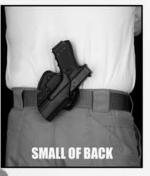
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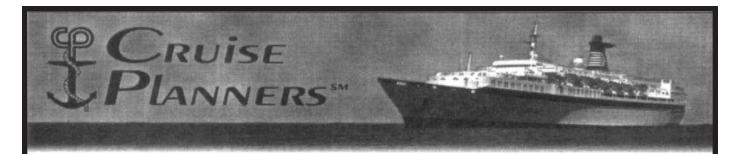
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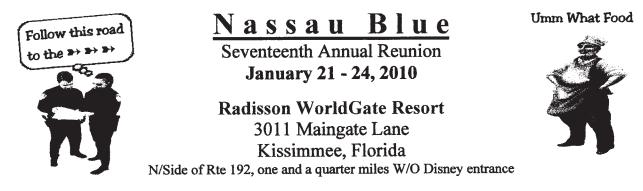
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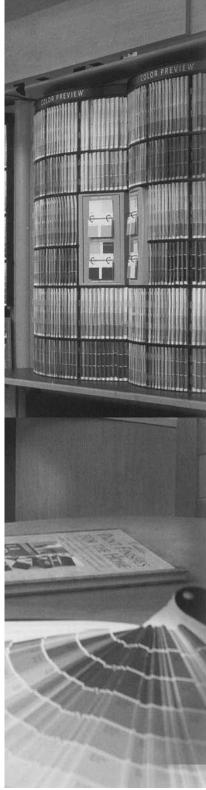


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The Nassau Police Running Club presents the POLICE OFFICER GARY FARLEY

#### MEMORIAL RUN

Sunday October 4, 2009 @ 9:00 AM Cedar Creek Park, Merrick Road, Wantagh, NY USAT&F Certified Course Proceeds donated to Local High School Scholarship Funds (Seniors seeking a Criminal Justice Degree)

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Walkers Welcome No Roller Blades or Bicycles Free Kids Run @ 8:30 AM Race Day Registration Only

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#### POST RACE PARTY, AWARDS CEREMONY AND RAFFLES AT

**Directions to Cedar Creek Park** Wantagh Parkway south to Merrick Road East 1/4 mile to entrance to Cedar Creek Park.

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Mail to: NASSAU POLICE RUNNING CLUB, PO BOX 1599, MINEOLA, NY 11501 Make Checks Payable to: GARY FARLEY MEMORIAL RUN For information contact Lesli Hiller at 573-7210 - Alan Hirsch 573-7150 - John Conley 572-1101 LHiller@pdcn.org

P.O. Gary Farley Memori	al 5K Ru	n - October 4	, 2009 - Cedar (	Creek Park , Wantagh
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Address			Town	
State	Zip_	Pho	one	
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Club Team				
Shirt Size: (circle one)	Large	X-Large	USATF#	
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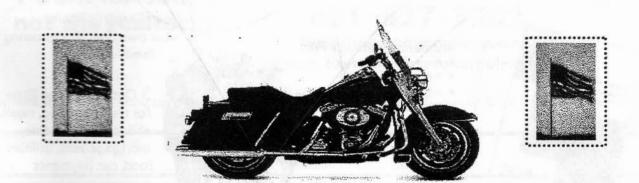


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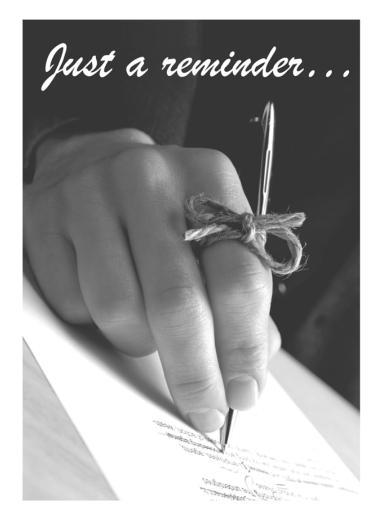


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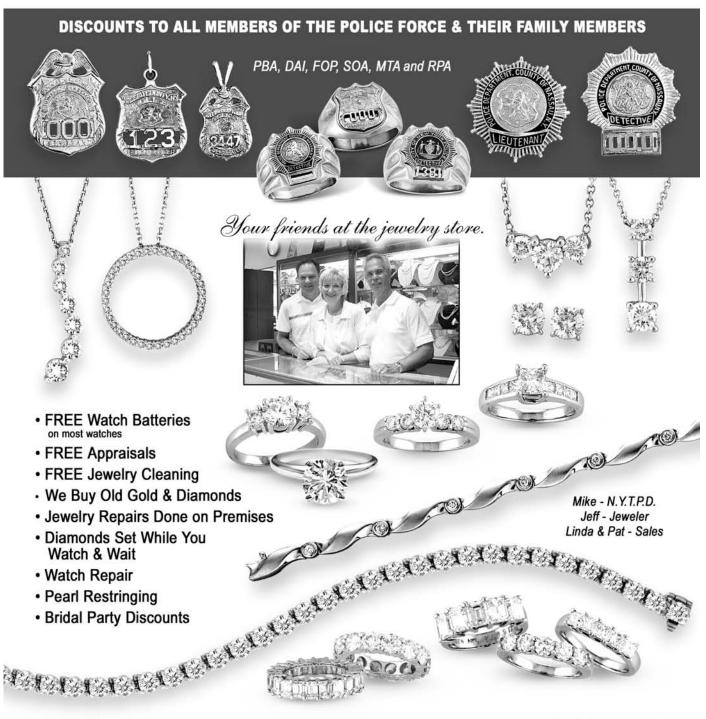
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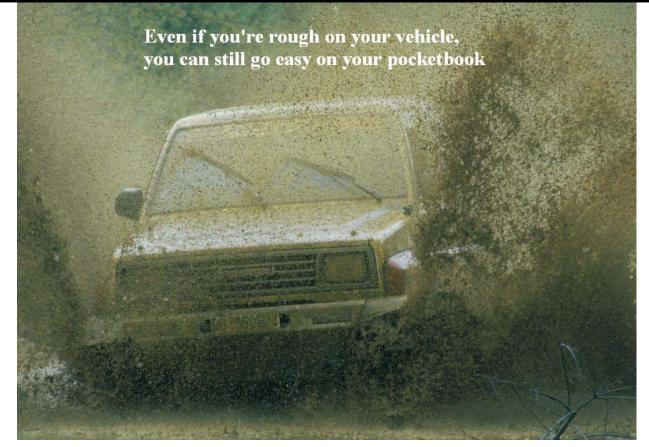
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